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# Baker to solve teachers' pay dispute by law

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will today publish a Bill giving him sweeping powers to determine teachers' pay and conditions of service. It will consist of only seven clauses and will be rushed through Parliament with the aim of its receiving Royal Assent by February.

If the present dispute has not been resolved then by agreement, as Mr Baker hopes, the new legislation will be used to impose a settlement retrospectively.

Ministers were saying last night that they recognized they were taking a gamble. But they judge that the political kudos of being seen to act decisively to break a logjam will outweigh any damage the unions can inflict by disrupting classes.

Mr Baker's announcement came in a statement to MPs calculated to avoid inflaming passions over the current impasse over staff-room pay and duties.

He said the Bill would repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act 1965 and replace the Burnham pay bargaining machinery with an interim advisory committee to guide him on all aspects of salaries and contracts.

The committee would be appointed by the Secretary of State and take evidence from the unions and employers. It would then give advice which Mr Baker would discuss with the two sides before coming to a decision and laying it before MPs.

The present Burnham system effectively binds the Secretary of State to accepting its recommendations on pay alone once a deal has been struck.

But, it was later made clear, the final word over settlements would lie with him and would be enacted in the form of a law.

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of recommendations to the Commons in the form of statutory instruments.

In an interview on BBC Radio 4, Mr Baker confirmed he would have power to impose a settlement.

Mr Baker's conciliatory line in which he spoke of "some useful progress" in the talks between the teachers and their local authority employers, enshrined in the Acas document agreed by a majority on both sides last Friday, largely overshadowed the full import of the fundamental change he was announcing.

He carefully avoided any reference to imposing a settlement in the current dispute, though he did emphasize he was not willing to allow the present "highly unsatisfactory situation to continue" for the sake of the nation's children.

Asked by Mr Ian Wigglesworth, Social Democrat MP for Stockton South, whether he was going to continue to urge a change of mind, negotiate a settlement or impose one, he said: "We shall have to wait to see what

the particular unions will say."

Mr Giles Radice, the Labour education spokesman, began a lengthy bout of questioning by welcoming the fact that despite press reports there was no mention of imposition.

But he later wrung from Mr Baker the admission that the new Bill would give him such a power.

Mr Baker repeated his view there is a "huge gap" between his proposals and those in the Acas document.

The latter would exceed his £600 million cost ceiling over 15 months by £85 million and it did not offer a "sensible" career structure rewarding good classroom teaching and extra responsibility.

He said he wanted 140,000 "incentive posts" in the 400,000-member profession. Currently, there were 105,000 and the Acas proposals would cut that to 80,000. This was a "fundamental point of principle."

Mr Radice urged Mr Baker to accept the Acas deal. Classroom peace would be better secured by embracing a settlement that is supported by two thirds of the profession, he said.

Mr Baker, pressed at a press conference on how long he was prepared to wait for the employers and the unions, said: "I would have thought about the early part of next year." (Our Education Reporter writes)

He emphasized that the philosophical differences on the structure of the teaching profession were "very substantial", but reiterated that he was prepared to listen to further ideas from Mr John Pearman, the employers' leader.

# Rothschild stays silent on book involvement



Lord Rothschild, pictured yesterday, still refused to talk about suggestions that he master-minded publication of a spy book. Details, page 2. Photograph by John Gray

# Thatcher firm in face of spy case grilling

The Prime Minister was grilled in the Commons over the role of the Attorney-General in the M15 affair.

The judge in the Australian court case ordered Britain to hand over secret documents about M15 (Page 10)

A photographer was injured and his camera smashed as he attempted to photograph Lord Rothschild (Page 2)

The Australian judge, Mr Justice Powell, made clear he was losing patience with the British Government (Page 10)

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

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Using the formula she has employed before Mrs Thatcher said it would be inappropriate to comment on matters concerning the Wright case and she would not comment on security matters.

But loudly cheered on by his backbenchers Mr Kinnock said that questions about decisions and responsibilities inside the Government had no implications for national security. "Will you give a straight answer to a straight question?" he asked. "Did the Attorney-General take either or both of those decisions personally? Has the Attorney-General been a fool or a fall guy?"

She was provoked into an angry defence of the Attorney-General, the main target of the Opposition's intensified attack and at one point challenged the Opposition Leader, Mr Kinnock, to table a motion of censure.

Meanwhile it was announced that the Commons would debate the security services next Wednesday.

The Government had earlier been embarrassed by Mr Justice Powell's criticism that the conduct of the case could cause grave injustice and that it appeared as though the Government was not prepared to accept any decision that was not in its favour.

In the Commons Mr Kinnock repeatedly asked the Prime Minister whether the decision not to impede the publication in 1981 of Chapman's book on M15, on which Mr Wright collaborated, and the decision to send Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, to Australia to try to suppress Mr Wright's book, had both been taken personally by the Attorney-General.

Colonel North is reported to be depressed and extremely angry at the way he has been treated. His friends said he was not officially informed of his sacking until President Reagan announced it during a televised press conference. Mr Reagan then telephoned him and thanked him for his past service to the Administration. The colonel is said to be concerned about his future without a military pension.

Mr Reagan also telephoned Mrs Peggy Say, the sister of Terry Anderson, one of the hostages in Beirut, telling her that Administration officials would continue "to do everything they can" to free her brother.

The latest twist over the destroyed evidence has further heightened comparisons with Watergate. Spectral congressmen and media commentators are again asking the famous Watergate question: What did the President know, and when did he know it?

The results of an ABC Television poll released on Wednesday showed that 62 per cent of respondents thought Mr Reagan had lied.

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# North Sea oil slick discovered

Emergency services were on standby last night as three oilfields were shut down after an oil slick, five miles long, was spotted in the North Sea.

It was feared that the oil was coming from a leak in the 130-mile submarine pipeline terminal on the Orkney Island of Flotta.

The terminal, which was opened 10 years ago, has handled more than a billion barrels of oil - nearly 15 per cent of Britain's North Sea output.

Yesterday, however, production was stopped at all three platforms which serve the terminal - Piper, Claymore and Tartan.

Last night the diving support ship *Deep Water 1* was on its way to the area, about 100 miles east of the Scottish mainland, to try to locate the problem.

The oil slick was first spotted by fishermen who reported it to Pentlands Coastguards at Kirkwall.

An Occidental spokesman said there was "evidence of oil in an area roughly five miles by two miles in the vicinity of our pipeline." The spokesman said that depressing of the pipeline had continued all day in an attempt to locate the source of the leak.

The operation was being monitored by coastguards in Aberdeen.

# Key figure 'shreds' arms documents

From Michael Dwyer, Washington

The repercussions of the Iranian arms scandal continued to grow yesterday, with only a brief respite for Thanksgiving. The Justice Department called in the Federal Bureau of Investigation amid reports that a key figure had shredded documents that might have implicated top Administration officials.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed military advisor at the National Security Council, destroyed a number of documents from NSC files last weekend, either before or after being interviewed by Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General.

It was reported that Colonel North entered his "secure office" next to the White House and shredded the documents at least 36 hours before White House security officials were sent to change the combinations on the locks to the office and safe.

The FBI has been brought in to investigate this and other aspects of the scandal. Its findings could lead to the convening of a grand jury to look at evidence for criminal prosecution.

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# Soviet doctors to join Aids research

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

British and Soviet doctors are to collaborate on research into the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) and other public health issues in a return to "medical détente" between the two countries.

Soviet virologists will work with British specialists on studies of Aids after talks in London this week between a delegation of Russian doctors and the Department of Health and Social Security.

The inclusion of Aids research on the agenda suggests that Soviet health officials are more concerned about the impact of the disease in Russia than recent official statements have indicated.

The meetings mark the end of Britain's suspension four years ago of formal medical collaboration with the Soviet Union after the invasion of Afghanistan and the suspension of the Solidarity movement in Poland.

Since the suspension of the agreement, signed in 1975 to "develop and widen co-operation on important problems of medicine and public health," doctors in both countries, as well as politicians, health officials and groups such as the UK-USSR Medical Exchange Programme, have been striving for its revival.

Unofficial visits by parties of doctors and medical students have taken place.

The moves come after Foreign Office approval of renewed "cost-effective" cooperation. Increased collaboration in cardiology, ophthalmology, accident and emergency medical care and oncology, as well as Aids research, is likely to be officially agreed today.

Soviet authorities have frequently denied that Aids is a serious threat in their country. Professor Viktor Zhdanov, director of the Ivanovskii Institute of Virology, told a conference on Aids in Paris last June that only 12 cases had been identified, of which seven came from Africa.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, will discuss the Aids epidemic with the World Health Organization in Geneva today.

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# US Salt 2 breach enrages Kremlin

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin said yesterday that the Soviet Defence Ministry was now reviewing concrete measures to be taken in response to the US breach of the unratified Salt-2 treaty.

The warning that the Soviet Union would itself abandon the restraints imposed by the 1979 treaty in direct response to the American move was accompanied by an angry announcement that Washington's decision would have negative repercussions on the disarmament talks due to resume in Geneva next week.

The swift Soviet reaction, announced at a special news conference called here by the Foreign Ministry, followed the statement in the US that the 131st B-52 bomber equipped with cruise missiles will be despatched today for operations at a Texas air base, topping the ceiling of 1,320 for missile warheads and cruise-carrying bombers laid down in the treaty.

Mr Boris Pyadyshv, the Kremlin spokesman, said that if the US move went ahead "the Soviet Union will consider itself free of the corresponding commitments to the treaty and will take the necessary practical measures not to allow the undermining of the military-strategic parity." Mr Pyadyshv stressed that the Soviet side would not have to hurry with its reaction, because the immediate threat to its security was not "imminent" but "imminent."

The refusal of the Reagan Administration to abide by the Salt-2 treaty cannot but influence most negatively the atmosphere in which Soviet-American contacts take place in the sphere of arms and forces reductions.

Questioned by The Times about the concrete steps in terms of new military hardware that the Soviet Union would be introducing, he would not say.

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# Prince launches Inner City Trust

The Prince of Wales yesterday lent his wholehearted support to community architecture as he launched the Inner City Trust (Christopher Warman writes).

It is an organization set up to fund self-help community projects in deprived inner-city areas.

The Trust, through its fundraising arm Inner City Aid, based on Bob Geldof's Band Aid, and using staff from that campaign, aims to raise tens of millions of pounds to fund housing schemes.

The intention is to provide money to grass roots organizations, to fund projects from the "bottom up", from among the local people, rather than use the "top down" approach.

The prince told the Building Communities conference at the Astoria Theatre, in London, the first international conference on community architecture, planning and design, that he supported the "bottom up" approach to building because he believed that every individual had a contribution to make. "I'm here because frankly, what is known as the community architecture approach makes a great deal of sense to me."

In the last year or two, however, Prince Charles has visited several community schemes, including one in Stirling, described in The Times on Wednesday.

Prince's campaign, page 3

# Labour's secret war on 'loony right'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Labour is secretly preparing a new year counter-offensive to the Government's attacks on "loony-left" councils. It will seek to expose unsavoury business, financial and political activities within the Conservative Party.

The Shadow Cabinet endorsed the plan at a meeting earlier this month, and key frontbench spokesmen have since been advised to start gathering and collating evidence.

Mr Robin Cook, a trade and industry spokesman, is believed to be concentrating on the City; Mr Jack Straw, an environment spokesman, on Tory-run local authorities and Mr George Foulkes, a foreign affairs spokesman, on right-wing organizations like the Conservative Students. Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, is also understood to be involved.

Sources stressed yesterday that attacks on the personal lives of Conservative Party members had been ruled out, but not disclosure of their business or political connections or financial interests.

Labour believes it can find plenty of evidence of Tory maladministration on local authorities.

The FCS may have been disbanded, but its more extreme members are still around, and attention will be paid to the backgrounds of MPs' research assistants.

Also likely to be investigated are some of the more shadowy groups loosely linked to the party.

It is believed that two recent Granada Television World In Action programmes concerning the Anglo-Asian businessman Mr Abdul Shamji, whose huge business empire collapsed with debts of nearly £40 million following the Johnson Matthey banking scandal, are also being closely studied.

# Shake-up of rates starts in Scotland

By Robin Oakley

The long-awaited shake-up of Britain's rating system, first promised by the Conservatives in 1974, began yesterday with the publication of a bill to reform the system in Scotland.

Domestic rates will be phased out there from April 1989 to be replaced by a system of community charges paid by all adults. Had the system operated this year the charge would have been between £150 and £260 per person.

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# Tomorrow

## A clown like Alex



Alex Higgins, snooker's wayward superstar, teeters on the edge of a life ban. What makes him tick? And what makes him go cuckoo? Gordon Burn gets to the heart of a flawed genius

## Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold competition was cancelled yesterday because of some incorrect Stock Exchange prices supplied to newspapers throughout the country. Today's competition prize will therefore be £8,000, double the usual daily amount.

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## TIMES BUSINESS

### Khoos resigns

Tan Sri Khoo Teck Poon, the Singapore businessman whose family is involved in problems with the National Bank of Brunei, yesterday resigned as director of Standard Chartered Bank. Page 21

## TIMES SPORT

### Higgins back

Alex Higgins was given a cooling-off period when he returned to action in the Tennents UK professional snooker championship at Preston two days after an incident in which he allegedly assaulted an official. Page 36

### Howe decision

The Football Association has rejected a request by Bobby Robson, the England manager, to appoint Don Howe as his full-time assistant. Page 36

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NEWS SUMMARY

Appraisal scheme gets under way

Six local education authorities have been named by the Government to take part in a pilot project for appraising the performance of teachers.

US Chinook ruling

A court order against the American Boeing Corporation has been won by lawyers seeking £14 million damages for the widow of one of the 45 Sikotand helicopter crash victims.

Rival to Labour

The Labour Party would lose a third of its support in the mining constituency of Mansfield if the Union of Democratic Mineworkers put up a rival candidate at the next General Election.

Secrets charge

A journalist accused of an offence under the Official Secrets Act was yesterday committed for trial at Croydon Crown Court by Croydon magistrates.

Car chase death

A policewoman died yesterday after the car she was driving crashed while she was chasing a private motorist "on a hunch".



BR sues News group

British Rail yesterday served a writ on News International, alleging that the company had cost it business worth £30 million through breach of contract.

Drop McGoldrick case, says Kinnock

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent. Mr Neil Kinnock and other members of the Shadow Cabinet yesterday criticised Brent council over its decision to proceed with a disciplinary hearing against Miss Maureen McGoldrick.

The overall student attendance record was described as "poor" and the report takes many of the 160 staff to task for not giving sufficient thought to the choice of teaching methods.

First steps towards the abolition of domestic rate

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor. The Government took the first step yesterday towards the abolition of domestic rates in Britain, with the publication of a Bill to substitute the payment of a community charge of between £150 and £260, by everyone over 18, in Scotland.

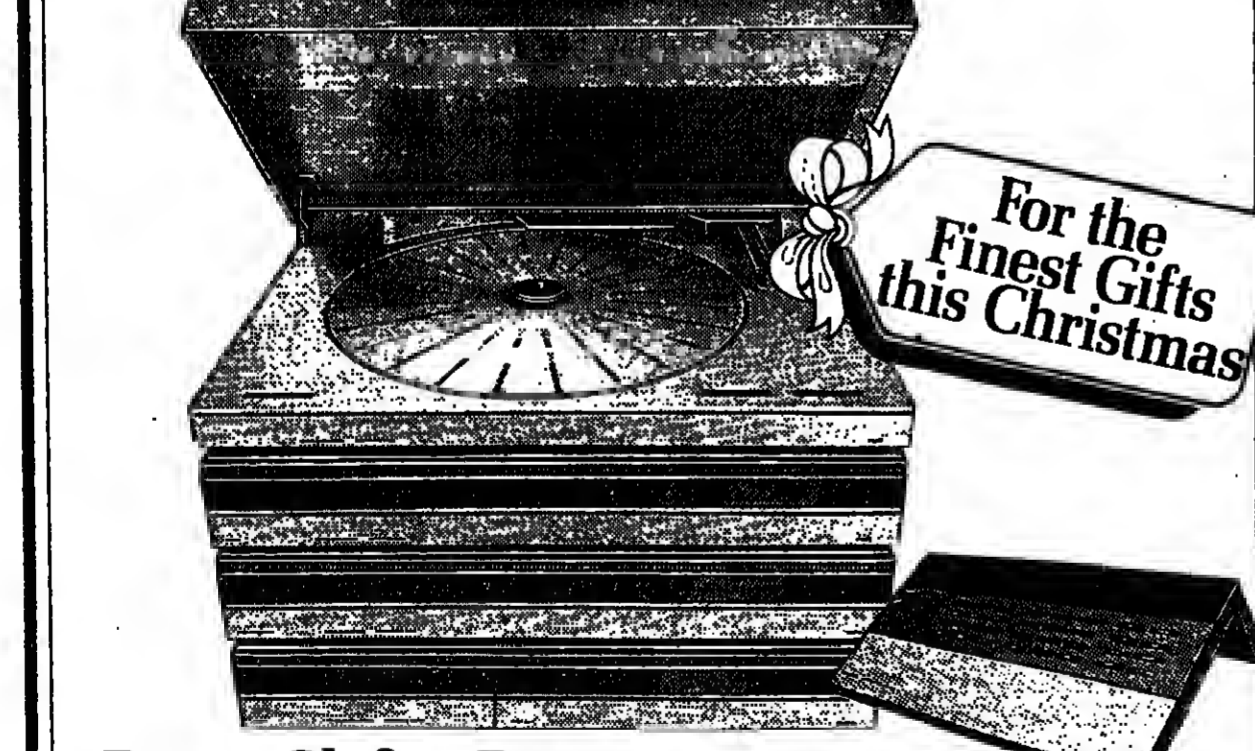


Rothschild staff in scuffle

By Robin Young. A photographer was injured and his camera smashed yesterday as he was attempting to photograph Lord Rothschild.

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Magazines seized in porn alert

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter. One of Britain's largest police operations against pornography was launched yesterday when Scotland Yard's Obscene Publications Branch seized four lorry-loads of magazines and video cassettes from a warehouse in Stratford, east London.

Defence blueprint on rapid-response forces

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent. A major report which will provide the blueprint for future rapid strategic deployment of British Armed Forces outside the Nato area is to be prepared for defence chiefs.

Snails in biological foul-up

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter. The plight of the female dog whelk or marine snail is to be raised in the Commons today.

'Wanted' man flies back to Belfast

An Ulster man wanted by the US authorities for alleged gun-running to Syria, Iran and other prohibited countries and for whose arrest a warrant was issued by a Washington DC court on Wednesday, flew back into Belfast's Aldergrove Airport yesterday afternoon after a meeting with peers at the House of Lords.

Anti-pact campaign in chaos

The Ulster "loyalist" campaign of opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement was in chaos yesterday. Hopes of bringing about the collapse of local government were stymied in a revolt by Official Unionists who refused to vacate their council seats.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including 'Olds', 'Merdose', 'Princess's', and 'OR man'.





# Decision on Bradford football fire claims deferred till next year

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

Relatives of the 56 supporters who died in Britain's most catastrophic football stadium disaster will not learn until next year whether they can claim millions of pounds in damages for their losses.

After a 14-day hearing at the High Court in Leeds to hear legal arguments supporting liability claims against Bradford City Football Club, the now defunct West Yorkshire County Council and the Health and Safety Executive, Mr Justice Canfield said he needed time to consider his judgement.

He told barristers he hoped people would understand the necessity to examine details of the case very carefully and the time needed to read case papers. He would deliver his judgement in the High Court in London as soon as possible in the new year.

Earlier the claim for damages against the Government's Health and Safety Executive was dropped after it was accepted that the safety certificate had fulfilled its statutory obligations - although it had done nothing more.

Probably because of inadequate training, the HSE's principal inspector responsible for entertainment complex safety conditions, did not alert the local authority of the

fire hazard he saw at Valley Parade football ground, it was claimed.

He had complied with his duties, merely by forwarding to West Yorkshire County Council a copy of the warning letter he had sent to the football club.

Safety executive inspectors responsible for assessing fire risks should receive proper training as a matter of urgency, Mr Michael Ogden, QC, said. He represents Police Sergeant David Britton and Mrs Susan Fletcher who lost her husband, son, brother-in-law and his father in the fire on May 11 last year.

His condemnatory attack switched to the now-defunct West Yorkshire County Council.

He said it had an elected fire committee and safety team selected by fire officers which together were responsible for examining various aspects of safety. Yet during the past 14 days not one word of evidence had been presented that the fire committee actually did anything to exercise their duties under the Sports Grounds Act.

There was no policy which precluded their taking action over known fire hazards, but there existed the practice of merely informing occupiers of

the existence of such a hazard.

Three laymen had agreed in evidence that the Valley Parade stadium was a potential fire trap, and the fire brigade who were controlled by the county council, had received a letter informing them of the danger, Mr Ogden said.

"Therefore one says, what did they do? A copy of the letter was sent to the Deputy Senior Fire Prevention Officer.

Arguing that the county council were negligent in their role as local fire authority, Mr Ogden said any competent fire prevention officer would have assessed the situation and said: "Heaven, here is an appalling situation" and immediately taken whatever action necessary.

The letter written by the county council to Bradford City Football Club was woefully inadequate, he said, because it failed to give a warning of the risk in clear, strong language and did not ask the club to stop using the stadium.

"Had they done so the overwhelming probability is that this terrible disaster could never have occurred. The whole point of statutory powers is to stop people being killed or injured and sadly that did not happen in this case."



Debbie Moore, in black, with models Joanna Green, Sally Nicholson and Catherine Pierce (left to right) at the launch of the 1987 Pinesapple collection, in London, yesterday. The collection features more than 200 garments and the girls are in 'easy to wear' leisure clothes that combine zips with soft fleecy fabrics (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

# 200 arts groups get cash ultimatum

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

The Arts Council has issued an ultimatum to more than 200 arts organizations to cut their losses, in view of what it regards as the persistent failure of government funding to keep pace with inflation.

Before considering future support for theatres, operas, orchestras and other clients, the council will require them to prepare a balanced budget,

and to prove that they can remain solvent, on the basis of their current grants.

They include the four national institutions: the Royal Opera House, the National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company and English National Opera.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary-general of the council, said yesterday the decision had been prompted by concern at the number of companies facing increasing deficits.

It would force some to curtail their activities, and could lead others in severe financial difficulties to close down, he said.

About 26 of the 220 organizations which receive Arts Council funds had deficits of more than £50,000 at the end of the last financial year. Of those, 14 were in debt to the tune of more than £100,000.

Prominent among them is the Leicester Haymarket The-

atre, which is struggling to reduce an accumulated deficit of almost £300,000.

Mr Rittner said the council was working with its clients to raise income from other sources, particularly local authorities.

The council is to receive £138.4 million from the Government for 1987-88. It had estimated its needs at £164 million. It would require a minimum of £140 million to maintain the status quo.

# RAF will fight off airline recruiting

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A shortage of civilian pilots is threatening the RAF.

British Airways will be advertising for more than 100 qualified pilots next autumn. Other airlines are expected to offer high salaries to tempt military pilots to join them.

Now the RAF is launching a counter-attack with a campaign designed to convince officers they should stay in the service. It also wants to spend more money on married quarters - up to 70 per cent of which are regarded as sub-standard. But the estimated £400 million needed is unlikely to be made available by the Treasury.

The problems faced by civil airlines arise largely from "the lost decade" during which no new pilots were trained because it was felt that there were too many already flying.

Recent studies by the Air Transport Industry Training Association have given a warning of the gap in the numbers and the obvious place to look is the RAF.

In the service there is a "bulge" of officers either reaching the age of 38 or having completed eight or 16 years service when they have to decide to remain in the RAF or leave to take up a career in civil aviation.

# Commercial court may face curbs

Restrictions on access by litigants to the commercial court through increased fees and a bar on any case involving less than £50,000 are called for by the Lord Chancellor's Department as ways to tackle delays, in a report published today (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes). The report is part of a full-scale review of the civil courts by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone.

It also calls for more High Court judges to be appointed to the court and for targets within which cases must come to trial.

It says the "substantial increase in the court's workload and its effect on waiting times" has led to complaints of serious delay in hearing of cases.

The average waiting time for trial has grown from eight months in 1980 to 27 months this year, it says, and the court is fast increasing in popularity.

Recommending a monetary limit of £50,000, the report says claims on the court varied from £345 to £9 million and such a limit would immediately remove from the court's jurisdiction a "significant number of cases".

It recommends the cost of issuing a writ, or transferring a case into the court, should rise from £60 to £500, and fees for interim applications could be increased from £10 to £100.

A rise in fees would also discourage "small unmeritorious actions" and mean that users of the court were "paying for the privilege of using it".

But if these proposals to restrict access are unacceptable, the report says litigants should instead have to apply for leave to transfer a case to the court, although this could badly affect waiting lists.

The report also proposes an increase in the court's judicial strength from five to six judges.

Other proposals are for temporary judges to be appointed from among commercial QCs to help cut the backlog, an automatic timetable of six months within which pleadings should be exchanged and evidence disclosed; monitoring by the court of the progress of cases to ensure lawyers stick to the timetable and allocation of complex cases to one judge.

Research carried out for the Lord Chancellor by the management consultants Coopers and Lybrand, also published today discloses that more than 2,000 writs have been issued so far this year compared with 913 for the whole of 1979.

Although most cases in the court are short, it showed there are exceptional cases.

Reports from Lord Chancellor's Department (Room 611, Trevelyan House, London SW1P 2BY).

# MPs and lawyers fight changes in jury trials

Lawyers, civil libertarians and MPs united yesterday to try to force the Government to change plans to abolish the defence right to challenge jurors (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

At a meeting at the House of Commons, timed to coincide with the second reading of the Criminal Justice Bill, the Law Society outlined a package of alternative measures which could make more effective use of crown court time without undermining jury trial.

Mr Andrew Lockley, secretary of the society's litigation committee, told a meeting of the all-party civil liberties group of MPs that it was time "to stop nibbling at the right to jury trial".

Instead the society is urging the Government to include measures in the Criminal Justice Bill to stop magistrates sending offenders to the crown court for sentence unnecessarily.

ity; and to give magistrates power to deal with breaches of some crown court orders, such as probation orders.

The Law Society, Criminal Bar Association and civil libertarians are all opposed to government proposals to abolish a defendant's right to challenge jurors. There is also concern about plans to remove trial by jury for some offences.

A judge's ruling that a confession may be admissible even if police breach the codes of practice under the new Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 was criticized as "very worrying" by the National Council for Civil Liberties yesterday.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith earlier this week ruled a confession admissible in a murder trial at Exeter Crown Court, although the defendant was denied access to a solicitor.

# Theft-case American expelled

An American accused of stealing between £1.60 million and £3.30 million from his employer, Kuwait Airways, was ordered to be extradited to the United States at a hearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London yesterday.

Robert Sensi, aged 35, appeared on 18 specimen charges alleging theft of various amounts of cash, totalling £266,000 between 1980 and August this year.

Through his solicitor, Mr Robert Roscoe, Mr Sensi agreed not to challenge any of the evidence and agreed that the extradition papers were in order.

The court was told that Mr Sensi was arrested in London in August by British police after a request for extradition by the US government.

# 'Dealers in death' sentenced

Two shopkeepers were yesterday given suspended prison sentences and fined for "dealing in death" by selling lighter-fuel for sniffing to two boys.

It was the first successful prosecution of its kind.

Mr Chris Worthington, for the prosecution, told Brentford magistrates in Middlesex that Abdul Karim, aged 52, and his wife, Sansha, aged 51, had sold the teenagers between 70 and 80 cans from their shop in St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex. They denied the charge.

Mr Jack Hyde, the magistrate, said their actions were "completely callous" and could have killed the boys.

He gave them each a three-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, and fined them £1,500 each.

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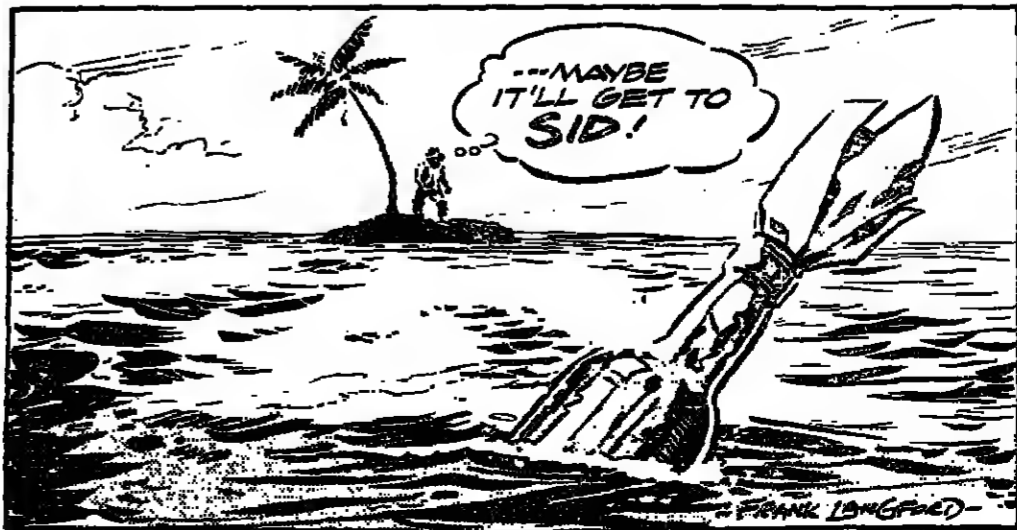
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# Call to widen new-style video questioning in cases of child abuse

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

High Court judges are ruling that children have been sexually abused in a growing number of civil cases as a result of a new questioning technique developed by the child abuse team at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, and shown to courts on videotape.

As a result, pressure is mounting for its use in criminal trials, by trained interviewers appointed by the prosecution, as a first step towards five video links as proposed by the Government.

The team, headed by Dr Arnon Bentovim, pioneered the controversial video-taped interview sessions using anatomically life-like dolls to help children articulate what they had experienced.

But the technique has been criticized by a number of judges and lawyers when they saw it on videotapes in court in wardship cases and judges

# Shake-up sought in law advice services

A network of advice centres, more thorough training for lawyers and standard fees are urgently needed to help people cope with the growing number of legal problems, the Government's consumer watchdog said yesterday.

"People's needs for advice on highly complex legal matters appear to be ever-increasing and there is a vast area of unmet need," Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council, said.

A national network of advice centres was needed, he said.

He also called for a further relaxation of restrictions on solicitors advertising services. He added there was a need for wider training as few solicitors had expertise of problems most likely to affect the less well-off - problems with debt, welfare rights, landlord and tenant disputes, immigration and unemployment.



James Cornwall comes face to face with a model punk - part of the entry from Merrywood Boys' School, Knowle, Bristol, in Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art at the Royal Festival Hall. The exhibition's young painter of the year is Justin Mortimer, aged 15, from Reading, Berkshire (Photograph: Peter Trivelpiece)

# Woman limb fitter loses equal pay battle

An artificial limb fitter from Glasgow had her claim for equal pay with a male colleague rejected by the House of Lords yesterday.

The law lords unanimously agreed that the Greater Glasgow Health Board had "good and objectively justified" grounds for paying Mrs Elizabeth Rainey £2,790 a year less than the £10,085 earned by Mr Alan Crumlin at the Belvidere Hospital.

Dismissing the test case appeal Lord Keith of Kinkaid agreed with the findings of a Scottish industrial tribunal and the Court of Session.

"The fact that one is a woman and the other a man is an accident," Lord Keith said. The difference arose because Mr Crumlin had been recruited from the private sector when the National Health Service took over the limb service in 1980.

Without offering him and others from the private sector wages no less favourable than they were already enjoying the NHS could never have established the service in reasonable time, Lord Keith said.

When Mrs Rainey joined the service later that year she was, in his opinion "for sound, objectively justified administrative reasons" paid the normal NHS rates.

It would have been highly irregular if limb fitters, alone were to have a different pay scale than the rest of the NHS, Lord Keith said.

"It was not a question of Mrs Rainey being paid less than the norm but of Mr Crumlin being paid more."

# Drug haul totals £104m in a year

Illegal drugs worth more than £100 million were seized by customs and excise in the year up to March 31.

There were 4,182 seizures of drugs worth an estimated £104 million, compared with 3,539 seizures worth £97 million the previous year, according to the annual report of the Customs and Excise Board.

The number of people arrested for drugs offences increased by 127 to 1,801, and 807 people were sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from one day to 16 years.

A record total of 74 kilos of cocaine was seized compared with 45 kilos the previous year. The report points out that more cocaine is reaching Britain via the Continent, and an increasing number of seizures were made from passengers arriving on European flights or at Channel ports.

Heroin seizures were down by one kilo to 316 kilos, but cannabis seizures increased from 20,562 kilos to 21,676 kilos.

Enforcement of endangered species legislation led to the seizure of 264 live birds and animals, 26 fertile birds of prey eggs and 4,500 articles derived from endangered species.

More than 53,100 obscene and indecent articles were seized, compared with 43,400 the previous year.

There were 25 prosecutions for export offences involving arms and strategic goods. Jail sentences totalling 13 years and 10 months and fines of £330,572 were imposed on 13 people.

# Local authority finance: 2

## Trouble ahead for reform of rates

In spite of widespread agreement that the domestic rating system is unfair, the Government's plans for reform are being hotly contested. Robin Oakley, Political Editor, looks at some of the reasons.

The Government's plans for drastic rate reforms, being tested in Scotland first, provide for rates to be phased out over a period and replaced by a "community charge" (the chosen euphemism for a poll tax) payable by all adults over 18.

This requires a register of all those liable to pay, separate from the electoral register to avoid the charge of deterring people from registering to vote and including those not eligible to do so.

There will also be a uniform business rate for non-domestic ratepayers, determined and collected by central government with the proceeds shared out among councils according to their number of residents. A simplified central grants system will offer councils greater stability and allow for variations in need.

With the average rate bill in 1984-85 of £322 that would require a community charge when fully operative of only £155, a considerable benefit to those suffering under the present system.

But change is always fought, especially in local government. And it is not just the Government's opponents who are finding snags in the reform plans. The community charge is being criticized as expensive to collect and impractical.

Problems which surfaced at a seminar conducted by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy included: what to do about those with two homes, what is the legal definition of a resident, how to ensure the accuracy of a register when only 60-80 per cent in inner cities return their voter registration forms, with no potential cost involved? How do you cope with urban areas where 25 per cent of those living there are likely to move in a year?

Do you introduce registration for the use of council services to catch the cheats? How do you enforce payment when a grown-up son or daughter claims to have moved out of the parental home? How much rebate will there be for the unemployed

# Brain unit appeal

An appeal has been launched to set up a special hospital unit offering new hope to victims of severe brain injuries. Our Science Correspondent writes.

The campaign to raise £1.94 million for the unit, to be built in London, is being supported by the Prince of Wales.

Most of the victims of what doctors described as a "silent epidemic" are under 25 years

old. The Development Trust for the Young Disabled plans to build the new unit, providing 45 beds, at the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables in Putney.

Dr John Wedgwood, consultant for the project, said: "With advances in care and treatment we hope to give some patients the ability to work and to resume life with a degree of dignity."

Councils cannot include community charge requests in rent demands, as they do with rate demands, because they will vary according to the size of household. Certainly evasion would be a problem.

There has been considerable alarm in small business circles, at the likely effects of the Unified Business Rate. The UBR, they say, would have a redistributive effect, shifting the burden from high-rated authorities and favouring the inner cities over the suburbs and the shires.

A study by the chartered accountants, Coopers and Lybrand, calculated that it would mean hefty increases in what businesses pay in London, most of the South-east, South-west and the Midlands.

The first mutterings are already reaching Tory whips that a number of Conservative MPs are "deeply unhappy about the planned reforms and that they would see it as inconsistent to vote for them in a Scottish Bill when they may be forced to refuse to support their implementation in England and Wales. They will not be enough to lose the Government its Bill, but there is clearly trouble ahead.

It was a former minister, Mr Timothy Raison, no habitual rebel, who gave a warning in the Queen's Speech debate with the authentic voice of the average Tory constituency that the community charge was inequitable, its collection would be a nightmare and that while the poorest and the rich might gain the middle income earners would almost all lose.

That is not a message which Tory voters like to hear. And although the Prime Minister's determination lies behind the reform attempts there is tough going ahead. It was, after all, the last attempt to introduce a poll tax in 1381 that led to the Peasants Revolt.

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# Iranian regime 'shaken by links'

By Hazhir Teimourian

Mr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, Iran's first President after the Islamic revolution of February 1979, said yesterday that the disclosures of Iran's arms purchases from the United States and Israel had shaken the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini to its foundations.

They had also weakened the position of Hajj Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the parliamentary Speaker, as the main contender for power after Ayatollah Khomeini.

Speaking to *The Times* from his place of exile in Paris, Mr Bani-Sadr said the sudden arrest in Tehran on charges of immorality of Mr Mahmud Nikrouz, the parliamentary Deputy for the Jewish community, showed that the regime did not know how to react to the revelations that it had been dealing with Israel, whose obliteration it had consistently promised its supporters.

"Khomeini is desperate to maintain an anti-Israeli posture."

Mr Bani-Sadr said the first secret contacts with Israel were made in 1980 by a faction of the ruling clergy but that he, as chairman of the Supreme Revolutionary Council, had stopped them.

"But the contacts were resumed after they carried out their coup against me. Ever since, a vast flood of weaponry has been on its way from Israel to Iran."

Mr Bani-Sadr had no doubts about who had sabotaged the arms deals and the release of American hostages in Lebanon. "It was an anti-Rafsanjani faction within the Foreign Ministry that was in charge of Islamic Jihad, the kidnap gang," he said.

ROME: It is not clear whether the Italians managed to smooth over their alleged involvement in the affair of supplying arms for Iran than the Iranians themselves delivered two strongly-worded protests against a sketch said to have been "sacrilegious" on Italy's state television and withdrew their ambassador (Peter Nichols writes).

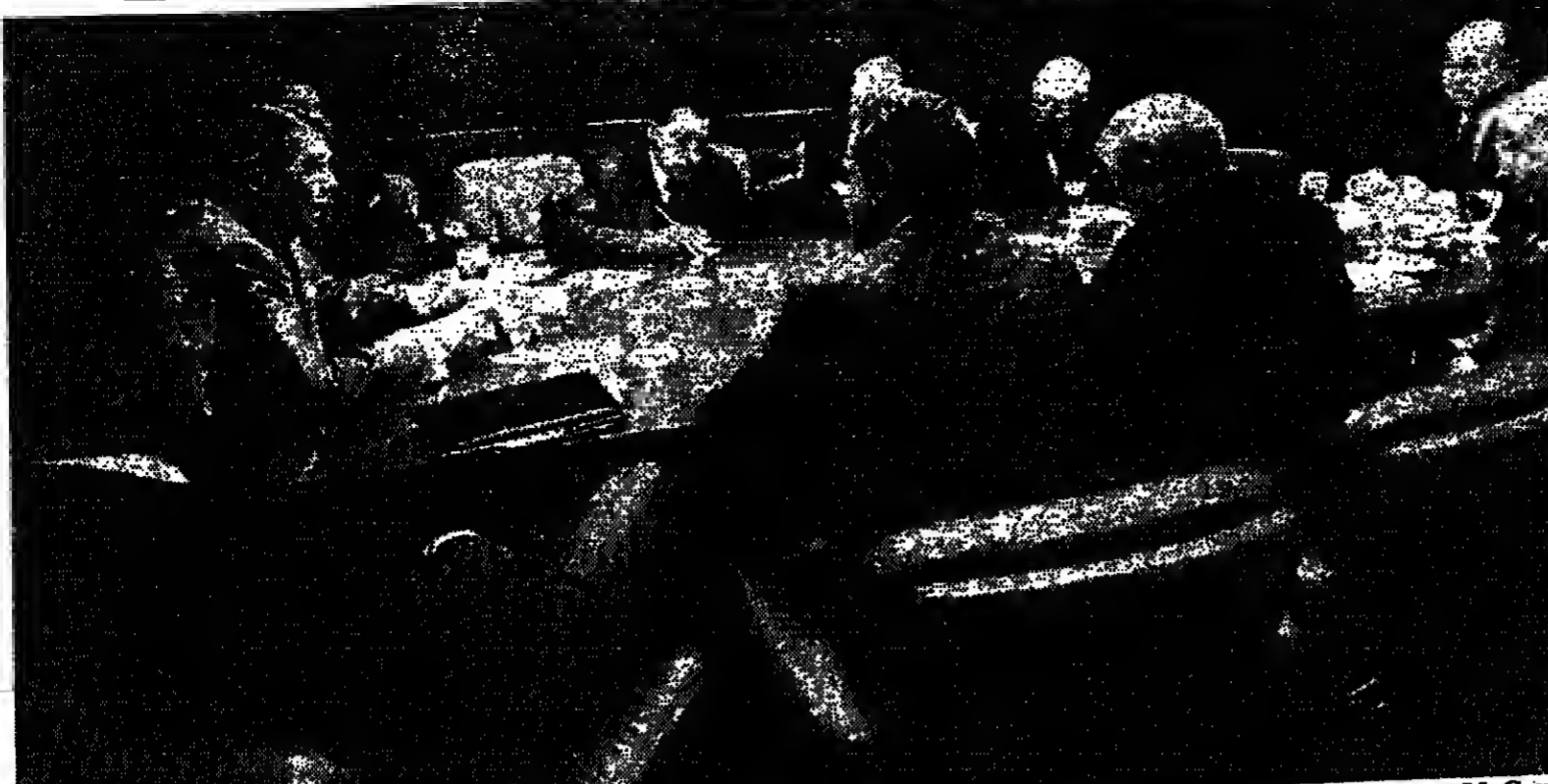
At the same time the Iranian authorities closed the Italian Cultural Institute in Tehran.

According to the embassy here the decision to withdraw the ambassador was taken because the parody in the television programme of Ayatollah Khomeini was taken as "a grave insult."

As the sketch went out on the Italian state network the embassy said it felt the Italian government should have taken up the matter. Signor Giuseppe Baldacci, the Italian ambassador in Iran, was summoned for the second time on Wednesday evening to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was somewhat taken aback to learn that the sketch was seen to have possibly "grave consequences on relations between the two countries."

The parody of Iran's leader announced to a "hostile measure" and threats were uttered that Iran would "make the Italians repeat their disgusting behaviour."

# The ten men at the heart of Reagan's arms crisis



President Reagan's troubled Cabinet in session in the White House discussing the Iran arms crisis. Clockwise from left: Mr Reagan, Mr George Shultz (obscured), Mr Caspar Weinberger, Defence Secretary, Mr Edwin Meese, Attorney General, Mr William Casey, head of the CIA, Admiral John Poindexter, Congressman Jim Wright, Senator Robert Byrd, Senator Robert Dole and Vice-President George Bush.

# Contras say cash from Iran arms deals could have paid for air drops

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Contra leaders, who at first denied all knowledge of the funds funnelled from the Iran arms sales, are now saying that the secret operation that flew weapons to their forces in Nicaragua could have been financed by the Iran shipment.

Mr Adolfo Calero, a senior Contra leader based in Miami, said that the Contras received "services", including the air supply operation, from several unnamed donors. But he never knew how much these cost, or who organized and paid for them.

It is being suggested, however, that each clandestine flight over Nicaragua cost at least \$30,000 (£21,000) and some 80 flights were made in the past year. Between February and October 5, when a cargo plane was shot down, the resupply operation, run from a Salvadoran military air base, cost well over \$2 million, sources say. But the Contras contend that their private backers in the US were unable to raise more than \$500,000 from normal appeals during that period.

New evidence has also emerged suggesting that Major-General Richard Secord, a retired Air Force officer who once served in Iran and was a senior Pentagon official for the Middle East, played a key role in the resupply programme. He had close links to Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed military adviser in the National Security Council responsible for the operation.

General Secord has been named as the buyer of five C 123 cargo planes used in the US supply runs from the US through El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica into Nicaragua. One of these was shot down on October 5, and

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Nicaragua connection

# Long-standing ties with Israel, PLO

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

The millions of dollars of profit from US-Iranian arms sales that were channelled to the Contra guerrillas in central America form only the latest chapter in a long history of military involvement in Nicaragua by the Israelis and the Palestinians.

The Israeli authorities and the Palestinian Liberation Organization in Lebanon have helped to arm or train pro- and anti-government forces during the past seven years, although Nicaragua's first contact with the Middle East conflict was as long ago as 1940.

The Somoza family, which had then been in power for only seven years, is believed to have sent weapons to Jewish guerrillas in Palestine in the early years of the Second World War, shipping them to the Middle East aboard a vessel flying the Nicaraguan flag.

Israel's first military support for the Somoza family's successors - the Contras of Nicaragua, who have been funded by the Americans - started in 1983 when hundreds of second-hand guns were sent to the guerrillas to use against Sandinista Government troops.

The shipment from Israel included 2,000 Kalashnikov AK 47 automatic rifles and hundreds of RPG 7 anti-tank rockets which the Israelis had captured from the PLO during their invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The PLO supported the

# WORLD SUMMARY

# Israel, Lebanon join PLO battles

Sidon - Lebanese Army soldiers and the Israeli Air Force were unexpectedly dragged yesterday into the four-day battle between Shia Muslim Amal militia and Palestinian guerrillas in south Lebanon (Juan Carlos Guzmancio writes).

Hovers after Lebanese soldiers supported by tanks joined Amal forces in an attempt to recapture the strategic hilltop village of Masgouche, Israeli aircraft bombed Palestinian guerrilla positions in the middle of the battlefield.

The raid was Israel's 17th air strike against Palestinian targets in Lebanon this year. Artillery shells aimed Phantoms jets rocketed three PLO artillery positions amid barrages of anti-aircraft fire and shoulder-fired missiles.

"There's no doubt, now the Israelis are now helping Amal," a young guerrilla of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said.

# New face on Bench

Los Angeles - Mr George Deukmejian, the Governor of California, has named a conservative to replace Chief Justice Rose Bird, the most liberal member of the state's High Court, who is to step down on January 1 (Ivor Davis writes).

Justice Malcolm Lucas, aged 59, a former law partner of the Governor, has promised to try to "heat some of the wounds" inflicted on the court during this year's bitter election campaigns, which resulted in Californian voters ousting Judge Bird and two of her associates, Justices Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin.

# Return to Uganda

Nairobi (Reuter) - Uganda and Britain have agreed in principle that British police instructors will return to Uganda to train the police force for the first time since the former President Milton Obote was deposed last year, officials at the British High Commission in Kampala said yesterday.

The countries have not yet agreed details, but the instructors, probably based in Kampala, are more likely to train instructors than the rank and file.

The last members of a British military training team left Uganda last weekend with the expiry of a six-month agreement.

# Harare holds chief

Harare - President Canaan Bumba yesterday ordered the detention of Mr Damiso Dabengwa, aged 47, one of his most formidable opposition chiefs, to continue, creating new tension in political unity discussions which were close to being finalized (Jan Rasth writes).

The ruling Zanu (PF) Party and the Zapu Party of Mr Joshua Nkomo, which has the loyalty of the Ndebele-speaking minority in western Zimbabwe, have been inching toward an agreement that promises to end rivalries and to bring about a *de facto* one-party state in Zimbabwe which directed the Zapu military effort in the liberation war, has been in detention since early 1982.

# Festive reprieve

Washington - Citing God, personal beliefs and the spirit of Thanksgiving Day, the outgoing Governor of New Mexico, Mr Toney Anaya, yesterday reprieved five men on Death Row (Christopher Thomas writes).

It was the first mass reprieve in the US since 1970. Mr Anaya, a Democrat, was defeated in the November election by Mr Garrey Carruthers, who had campaigned heavily on the law and order issue and is furious at the act of clemency. He intends to challenge its legality.

# US lead world chess

Dubai (Reuter) - The fifth-seeded US team held a clear lead yesterday after 10 rounds of play in the Dubai chess Olympiad, with the Soviet Union, England and Spain jointly holding second place on 27 points, one behind.

Yasser Seirawan, the US Grandmaster, won an adjourned game from the ninth round over Hungary's Lajos Portisch and gave the US a 3-1 win over the third-seeded Hungarians, and the Soviet Union edged past Romania after a draw was agreed between the world champion, Gary Kasparov, and the Romanian grandmaster, Mihai Suba.

Kasparov said that allegations by the English team that the Russians had aided Spain in their crushing 3 1/2 upsets of England were "ridiculous and insulting". The appeal of the English captain, David Arderton, has made no progress.

# Gorbachov call for Indian Ocean peace zone

Offer to reduce superpower tensions

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, last night made a series of dramatic proposals aimed at reducing the superpower tension which has been slowly building up in the Indian Ocean region.

Speaking at a joint session of the Indian houses of Parliament in Delhi, Mr Gorbachov made his proposals as a series of announcements, each of which while undoubtedly contributing to a relaxation of tension would at the same time extend Soviet interest in the region.

He suggested first of all that the United Nations should convene, in 1988 at the latest, an international conference to declare the Indian Ocean a zone of peace. Then he declared: "The Soviet Union is prepared to begin, with the United States, and with other non-litigious states, negotiations on substantially reducing the size of naval forces in the Indian Ocean."

He continued by suggesting that the safety of the sea lanes could be made the subject of new guarantees, which would ensure freedom of passage in the Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz and the Strait of Malacca. He undertook to take part "in the long-overdue agreement" on the safety of the air lanes over the Indian Ocean.

# France hit by realist protesters

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Hundreds of thousands of students marched throughout France yesterday in protest against the Government's proposed university reforms, due to go before Parliament last night. It was said to be the largest student demonstration since May 1968.

But today's clear-faced, short-haired rebels have little in common with their nihilistic, revolutionary predecessors. They are pragmatic realists, not idealistic dreamers. They want the withdrawal of the Government's Education Bill, not the overthrow of society.

In Paris the old evocative meeting-points in the Latin Quarter were again used, but there were only a few skirmishes between extreme-right student factions and the organizers of the main student body.

The police were there in force, complete with riot gear, tear-gas canisters and water cannons. But they kept as discreet a distance as possible, intervening only to try to keep the students from storming the National Assembly, where the Education Bill was to have been debated, though there was a strong possibility last night that the deputies would not reach the Bill until today.

# Bonn expels four Syrian diplomats

attempting to blow up an EI jumbo jet, had a service pass from the Syrian Embassy in London.

Herr Ost said that the German Government would raise the question of the involvement of Syrian "authorities" in East Berlin in the bomb attack in talks with the East German Government.

West Germany's moves against Syria came only 24 hours after a West Berlin court convicted two Jordanians, one of them a brother of Hindawi, of bombing a German-Arab society's centre in the city on March 29 and injuring nine people.

Western military governments in West Berlin said later that they were banning "certain Syrian citizens" from their sectors of the divided city. This means that Syrians living in East Berlin will not be able to cross into West Berlin. A US military spokesman said that the order was taking effect immediately.

# Damascus envoy sought

Ankara - A court trying alleged members of the Abu Nidal and Islamic Jihad organizations for the murder of a Jordanian diplomat has issued an international arrest warrant for the Syrian Embassy Second Secretary, Mr Muhammad Darwiche Baladi, who left Turkey last Thursday (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Mr Baladi was among nine defendants, three of whom are being tried in absentia, who are on trial for the murder of Mr Ziad Sani, the First Secretary at the Jordanian Embassy, on July 24 last year.

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# Three freed but 19 face trial in Transvaal treason test for ANC

From Michael Hornsby, Delmas, Transvaal

Three out of 22 black men charged with treason and murder were acquitted on all counts in the Magistrates' Court of this small farming town yesterday, but the rest were told by the judge, Mr Justice Kees Van Dijkhorst, that they had a prima-facie case to answer.

Judge Dijkhorst for the first time granted a defence request for release on bail, but only for six of the accused. The remainder, who have already been in detention for periods ranging from 18 months to two years, will spend their second successive Christmas behind bars.

Those released must each put up bail of 15,000 rand (£4,700), must not attend any gathering, must report twice a day to a police station, and must not enter five black townships in the Vaal River area south of Johannesburg, even though all but one of them have their homes there.

The trial, the biggest mass treason trial in 30 years, is seen as crucial for the future of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the loose alliance of hundreds of grass-roots anti-apartheid organizations which has developed into the most potent above-ground opposition to the Government.

Of the remaining 19 accused, 15 are members of the UDF or affiliates, three are members of the black consciousness-oriented Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), and one has no political affiliation. The UDF accused include three of its leading figures, Mr Popo Molefe, Mr Patrick Lekota and Mr Moses Chikane.

Preliminary court appearances took place as long ago as June last year, but the trial proper began only on January 20, when all the accused pleaded not guilty. Lawyers involved in the case think the trial could well continue for another year at least.

Judge Dijkhorst's ruling came in response to a submission by the defence led by Mr George Bizos, the seasoned civil rights advocate, that the state has failed to produce any credible evidence to support its charges and that all the accused should be set free.

While the judge agreed that three minor figures, Mr Simoo Vilakazi, Mr Lazarus More and Mr Amos Malindi, all in their twenties, had no case to answer, he found there was prima-facie evidence of a conspiracy to commit treason and murder on the part of the other accused.

The case arises out of the riots, sparked by protests over rent increases, which erupted in Sharpeville and other black townships along the Vaal in September 1984, setting off a nationwide chain-reaction of violence which has so far taken more than 2,000 lives.

Judge Dijkhorst argued that a reasonable man might find that the evidence supported the view that the UDF had been involved in a conspiracy, and that it would "not be fanciful" to infer that one goal had been the destruction of local government bodies in the Vaal townships.

As to the charge of murder, Judge Dijkhorst said that the accused must have been aware that threats against township councillors (several of whom were killed in the early days of the violence) might incite mobs to attack them.

It followed, if it was accepted that there was a prima-facie case to answer on the other charges, that in general terms the aims of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) might be said to have been furthered, the judge declared.

The state has had little success in substantiating its claim that the UDF is a front for the ANC, and that, it is guilty of fostering a revolutionary climate.



Black envoy to apartheid regime: Mr Edward Perkins, the first black American Ambassador to Pretoria, arriving to present his credentials to President Botha yesterday.

## EEC budget compromise

# Soaring cost of farm policy may cause crisis next year

From Richard Owen, Brussels

EEC officials have given a warning that the EEC 1987 budget compromise hammered on early on Wednesday by budget ministers is only a short-term solution and is storing up trouble for the future, particularly over "disastrously" soaring farm costs.

The crisis is now likely to come to a head under the Belgian presidency of the EEC in the first half of next year rather than under the British presidency, which ends on December 31.

But Mrs Thatcher will be under pressure at the London EEC summit meeting next Friday to ease the pain of succeeding presidencies by at least laying the groundwork for overdue reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

The EEC budget ministers acknowledged that the European Parliament had sent them an unusually unanimous political message from Strasbourg on the urgent need to cut farm spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the budget and is veering out of control.

Until recently the Parliament tended to support the farm lobby. But the ministers rejected Parliament's proposal for a special fund of nearly £2 billion for the disposal of surplus stocks.

Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury and president of the Budget Council, told a European Parliament delegation led by M Pierre Pflimlin, the Parliament's president, that EEC governments would not pay the extra contributions.

"It means the Community's financial crisis, when it comes, will be that much worse", one EEC official said.

The European Commission is to hold talks soon with Britain about the 150-mile restricted fishing zone around the Falkland Islands (Reuter reports from Brussels). Spain, which has traditional links with Argentina, has refused to recognize the zone.

Commission official said. Much would depend on the agriculture ministers' final meeting for this year on December 8 and 9, and on the EEC London summit meeting which precedes it.

The European Parliament, which gives the 1987 budget its second and final reading in Strasbourg next month, is critical of the budget ministers' evasion of how to deal with the soaring costs of storage and disposal of food surpluses.

During the past six months Mr Brooke has acquired a reputation for emerging fresh at

all-night talks. The 1987 draft budget of £26.5 billion which he announced on Wednesday enables Britain to claim that an EEC budget has been set which is more or less in line with the Commission's preliminary budget. But it uses up all available resources and is bound to collapse as costs rise next year.

To compound the problem, the budget ministers failed to agree on how to make good the estimated shortfall of £1 billion in this year's budget.

The 1986 budget was ingeniously stitched together by Mr Brooke in July when Britain took over the chair from The Netherlands. But since then the fall in the dollar, rising farm costs and reduced tariff revenues have blown a hole in Mr Brooke's achievement and ministers were unable to agree on Wednesday on where to make savings to keep the 1986 books balanced.

As a result the 1986 overspending is carried forward to 1987, further aggravating next year's looming crisis.

Mr Brooke told M Pflimlin that Parliament's demand for a surplus disposal fund and for radical cuts in milk quotas could be considered by EEC farm ministers only after the London summit.

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## Pretoria revises camp raid report

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The Bureau for Information, South Africa's sole source of official news about events covered by the state of emergency laws, did an about-turn yesterday over its account of the demolition of a squatter camp in Soweto.

It said on Wednesday that residents of Mofolo North, part of the huge Soveto complex outside Johannesburg, had taken it upon themselves to demolish shacks in the Mshengville squatter camp.

Police were called in, the bureau said, after squatters attacked them with petrol bombs. The police fired back with tear gas, according to the official account.

Yesterday the bureau said that the shacks were "demolished on the instruction of the Soweto Housing Council".

The Star, a Johannesburg newspaper, reported that hundreds ploughed through more than 100 shacks and that they were demolished in the presence of police and troops.

Mofolo residents, the newspaper claimed, helped the squatters to gather what was left of their shacks and belongings and that tear gas was thrown at groups of squatters weeping over their demolished shelters. A torrential thunderstorm erupted as residents tried to accommodate them.

Meanwhile the so-called Mayor of the Soveto Council, a body spurned by the majority of residents, said that he would resign. Mr Ephraim Tshabalala said that the demolition of the shacks was carried out without warning.

In the black township of Guguletu, outside Cape Town, two white policemen were badly injured yesterday in a hand grenade attack.

## Basque general election

# Breakaway leader aims to poach PNV seats

From Richard Wigg, Victoria

Señor Carlos Garaicochea is after the widest possible Basque nationalist vote so he holds one of the biggest meetings of his campaign for Sunday's Basque general election in a municipal five court in the capital of Spain's troubled north. Fives is the Basque national sport.

Outside, however, handbills signed by the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), which he once led, warn voters against the former Chief Minister: "Don't vote again for someone who has changed his mind so many times just for a job".

Señor Garaicochea symbolizes the morass into which the almost 100-year-old PNV has fallen, having failed to provide political stability and economic progress while governing for the past six years of Basque home rule.

Ousted as Chief Minister in a bitter power struggle, he leads a breakaway party, Basque Solidarity, which aims to draw the nationalist vote from his former party, from the People's Unity coalition (HB) and the political wing of ETA, the Basque armed separatist organization.

Every seat in the 75-member Basque Parliament which he takes from the PNV will be sweet revenge. Public opinion polls show the former Chief Minister is personally the most popular candidate.

He is offering himself as head of a broadly based administration of rejuvenated Basque nationalism, opposing ETA's violence and "standing up" to the Madrid Government.

The certainty that neither the PNV nor the Socialists, who ranked second in the old Parliament, will obtain an

absolute majority raises the likelihood of the smaller parties helping form a coalition government after the election.

Señor Garaicochea has said he could not rejoin his former colleagues, but has ruled out teaming up with the Socialists. If the PNV should itself form a coalition with the Socialists, he could look forward to becoming the principal Basque nationalist figure in the Opposition.

A second party seeking a pivotal role is the Basque Left (EE) led by Señor Juan Maria Bandres, a Basque member of the Madrid Parliament.

In Opposition in the Basque Parliament, his party has provided the best-argued critique of what has gone wrong with Basque home rule, blaming chiefly the sectarian intolerance and the failure of society to stand up to ETA's blackmail.

The party is strong among urban professionals, but is too intellectual for the rural areas where the "classic" nationalist formula of "all against Madrid" is a powerful rallying cry.

Señor Bandres, a potential ally for the Socialists and one who is also offering himself as a Basque chief minister, has forced Señor Jose Ardanza, the outgoing chief executive, to admit that his Government "blackened" the extent of the Basque economic decline in Brussels to obtain more EEC funds, while telling voters that things were improving on the economic front.

Señor Adolfo Suárez, the former Spanish Prime Minister who helped set up Basque home rule, is hoping that his Democratic Centre Party (CDS) will capture the pivotal role. But unlike Señor Bandres, his party is offering to help the PNV against the Socialists.

In an interview in Egin, the Basque extreme left-wing nationalist daily, "Txomin" Iurbe, the best known leader of ETA's military wing, has told its sympathizers to vote for the People's Unity Coalition.

The interview, given in Algeria, was the first proof of Madrid's suspicions that the terrorist, expelled from France last July, is in North Africa.

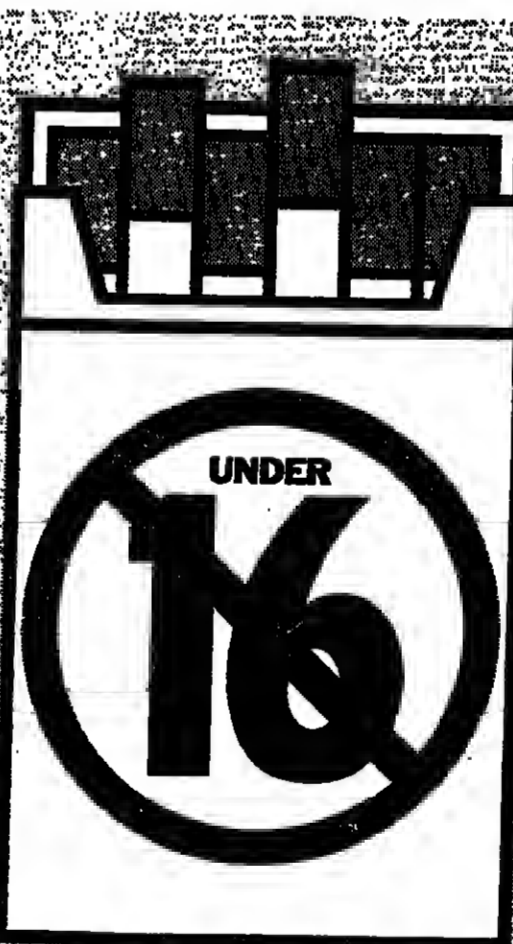
"Txomin" insisted that time was on the side of the radical independence formula and that ETA would continue to make the "Spanish forces of repression" its target.



Señor Ardanza: already a victim of the Basque Left.

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# The MI5 book case: steps in a 'danse macabre'

## Judge loses patience with UK

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The judge in the MI5 spy book case served notice on the British Government in unequivocal terms yesterday that he has run out of patience with what he regards as legal manoeuvres designed to block production of confidential papers.

In a series of broadsides at Whitehall, Mr Justice Powell said that in applying for an injunction to suppress a book by Mr Peter Wright, the Thatcher administration had sought to avail itself of the jurisdiction of the Australian courts but was evidently unwilling to accept a ruling unless it was favourable.

That was an attitude which no court could countenance, he said. The upshot of yesterday's proceedings is that the British Government must say this morning whether it will bow to Mr Justice Powell's demand that he be allowed a private inspection of the papers. If it does not, it must seek leave to appeal, having already failed once in a similar application.

cism stemmed from yet another change of British position revealed yesterday.

On Wednesday Mr Theo Simos, QC, indicated that the Government would accept an order by the judge if he insisted on seeing the papers — which deal with why no official action was taken to restrict recent books on MI5 and MI6. The British position then was that it would want to appeal only if the judge ruled that the papers should be shown to Mr Turnbull.

However, when the court reconvened yesterday, Mr Simos said that his instructions had changed, and that the Government might seek

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Mr Justice Powell

leave to appeal if the judge insisted on seeing the papers. Mr Justice Powell replied: "I hope you will forgive me if I appear to show a degree of pique, Mr Simos, but yours is the only head above the sandbags at the moment."

"I regret to say that I am placed in an intolerable situation. I am quite unable to predict from one day to the next what is the attitude of the plaintiff in this case, what submissions will be presented with, and what course is to be taken."

"The situation I am placed in is, I believe, intolerable, and, more to the point, since I am paid to be here, if this is to be a continuing pattern, the defendants are to be placed in an intolerable situation, and one in which I feel they would be subject to grave injustice."

The judge remarked that he had already delivered the opinion three times that the papers should be handed up. Only once had the Government tested that opinion before the Court of Appeal, and then unsuccessfully.

"I'm not joking when I say I don't know from one day to the next what the British Government says. It is merely another manifestation of what appears to me an attitude of the Government — namely that it is going to lay down the issues and ground rules."

Mr Turnbull, arguing the case against the British claim that Chapman Pincher's book, *Their Trade is Treachery*, was published with official approval, Mr Turnbull said, and was sufficient to cast "enormous doubt" on the evidence of Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary.

Without describing the document, Mr Turnbull drew attention to the date. "That document was created . . . at least two months before Sir Robert said the Government knew of the book. The sending organization is the one Sir Robert has difficulty identifying (MI6). Look at what was enclosed with that letter. What can that be but . . . I won't say."

The Government had resolutely denied any involvement in publication, and it was not hard to see why, Mr Turnbull said. It would be a mockery if it were shown that it was doing secretly under the counter what it would not allow over the counter.



Mr Peter Wright, author of the book, strolling with his wife in Sydney's Hyde Park after attending the Sydney court.

## Kremlin to insist on apology for Kohl gaffe

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The diplomatic argument between Moscow and Bonn over recent remarks by the Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, intensified further yesterday with the publication in *Pravda* of one of the most bitterly worded attacks on a Western leader.

The unsigned editorial, entitled "A Dangerous Throwback", described Herr Kohl's recent comparison in a *Newsweek* interview of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev to Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propagandist, as amazingly irresponsible.

The Communist Party paper continued: "In Bonn, they most always remember the pain, anger and disgust Soviet people feel in their hearts on hearing monstrous, immoral comparisons between our country and Nazi Germany. A heavy pall has been cast over Soviet-German relations and they have been poisoned, and that at a time when they had begun to acquire a new dynamism."

The attack, sanctioned at a high level in the Kremlin, followed less than 24 hours after Moscow's latest cancellation of an official contact with Bonn, this time by Mr Vladimir Tikhonov, the deputy Marine Minister, who gave no reason for scrapping his planned trip to sign agreements on river and sea navigation.

According to informed Soviet sources, the Kremlin is anxious to secure a full and formal apology from the German Chancellor, and is expected to keep up the diplomatic freeze. "There is no doubt of the bitterness felt here on this very sensitive issue", one West European diplomat observed.

## Guns fall silent at last in Manila's communist battle

From David Watts, Manila

The guns will fall silent next month in the Philippines' 17-year-old guerrilla war against communist insurgents.

Two historic agreements signed yesterday open the way for what Filipinos hope will be an end of the struggle that has taken 2,000 lives since President Aquino came to power in February.

But even as representatives of the Government and of the National Democratic Front (NDF) were embracing in celebration, government forces were involved in what was reported to be a "massive" military operation against insurgents in Anzora province, 30 miles north of Manila.

Eleven government and communist troops were killed in fighting before the signing of the agreements, and a communist radio network headquarters responsible for the control of New People's Army fighters in central Luzon was also overrun after a 30-minute gun battle. The ceasefire itself does not become effective until December 10.

Many military officers remain cautious about the advisability of the ceasefire, but one senior western military attaché said that it could have some chance of success in the long term only if the Government finds the necessary political will to make social and economic improvements and to reform the corrupt Philippine constabulary to better the lot of Filipinos in the regions.

The two agreements cover the safety and the immunity of negotiators for the NDF, who will begin discussion of a comprehensive peace agreement 30 days after the 60-day ceasefire takes effect.

The Government is also to open talks with the Muslim Liberation Movement, which is active in the southern Philippines.

The negotiations are to open in Saudi Arabia early next year.

After signing the agreements in front of hundreds of journalists, Mr Ramon Mitra, a leading government negotiator, said that opening peace negotiations with the NDF had been one of the most urgent priorities for Mrs Aquino's new Government, and that the signing of the documents four months after talks opened had been at "no

little political cost to her fledgling government". But he warned that the substantive negotiations would be even more difficult.

The immunity agreement guarantees that NDF negotiators will be free from surveillance during the negotiations in Manila and will have irrevocable immunity from search, arrest and prosecution.

The memorandum on the ceasefire defines the hostile acts that shall cease during its 60-day term. These include all conventional means of waging warfare, torture, disarming of NPA fighters and search, as well as coercion and threats.

In a clear hint of the threats to the agreement posed not only by some elements in the Army and police but also by private militias such as that of the former defence minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Government pledges itself to disarm and prosecute armed groups, "goons" and death squads who try to disrupt it.

In an extraordinary agreement, both the Government and the NDF have promised jointly to protect their pact from such outside interference.

Mr Mitra revealed that the actual site of the signing and press conference was being protected by both the communists and the Government. A special committee to oversee the ceasefire will be set up. It will be responsible for any breaches and for apportioning blame. But both government and NDF representatives affirmed that neither side had any interest in violating it.

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Mr Ramon Mitra: jubilation over ceasefire agreement.

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## Rome tests motorists' restraint

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Rome is facing its severest test of civic maturity today, when motorists in the city's historic centre will not only be required to obey the rules — in itself a revolution for Rome — but also to make the sacrifice, where possible, of voluntarily doing without their cars for the day.

The idea of 24 hours with a minimum of private cars on the road came originally from the trade unions. It followed warnings that the level of pollution due to constant traffic jams in the city centre had reached alarming levels.

The judiciary, too, threatened to intervene. If these threats seemed exaggerated at the time, there can be no mistake now that the moment has arrived for urgent action.

The problem of traffic in the centre of Rome has been growing for years, but in the past few months a change in quality has occurred calling for emergency action.

The step taken by the unions won quick support from the municipal government. In view of the importance of the city authorities, whether Communist or Christian Democrat, to prevent the city centre's degeneration over the years, the support of public opinion for the unions' initiative was particularly important.

As a result, today will see a dress rehearsal for what could be a rational start to a remedy for the problems of the city centre. Unions and the city administration have agreed on a series of one-day "innovations."

There will be 130 extra buses on the city streets; schools will start an hour later, to avoid the rush hour; rubbish will be cleared during the night; 3,000 police will be on duty from 6.30 am; roadworks will be stopped; local railway services will be improved; and routes through the city centre will be limited to buses and taxis.

The only private cars allowed to enter will be those with up-to-date permits. And, as a special gesture, taxi drivers will be free to work when they wish instead of being bound by shifts.

"These are the steps which could take us," according to Signor Julio Carlo Argan, the art historian and former Mayor of Rome, "from the Inferno to Paradise."

Today's experiment should give the politicians some ideas on how to solve the city centre's problems.

## Gibraltar anti-drug curfew

Gibraltar — In an attempt to cut drug and tobacco smuggling between Morocco and Spain, the British colony is to impose a curfew for high-powered launches starting on New Year's Day (Dominique Scarle writes).

Applicants for boat licences will require a clean record and launches will be forbidden from using Gibraltar waters after dark.

## Court killings

Bangkok (Reuters) — A suspected murderer, Songkol Pansida, aged 30, shot his wife, Thipavara, with a pistol she handed him and seriously wounded his father before shooting himself dead in a courtroom.

## Gold digger

Dhaka (Reuters) — An Australian, Darren Chambers, and two Thais, Ho Dornadee Panjarat and Mrs Banjita Seim, have been sentenced to life imprisonment after having smuggled gold worth \$40,000 (£28,000) into Bangladesh.

## Killer fire

Paris (Reuters) — Four children were among six people, mainly immigrants, who died in a fire that swept through a building in an impoverished area of eastern Paris, according to firemen.

## Bomb charge

Sydney (Reuters) — Levon Demirian, aged 34, an Armenian restaurateur, has been charged with planning the car-bomb explosion which killed the suspected bomber and damaged the Turkish consulate in Melbourne on Sunday.

## Aided escape

Oslo — Norwegian police recaptured an unnamed drug-addict burglar who broke out of Gjoevik jail here by threatening prison wardens with a syringe full of his own Aids-infected blood.

## Death plunge

Oviedo, Spain (Reuters) — Two miners fell 150 ft to their deaths after a pulley controlling the descent of their lift cage snapped at the state-owned Hnososa coalmine.

## Peking poser

Peking (Reuters) — China's main newspaper, the *People's Daily*, accused organizers of a bodybuilding contest of trying to cash in on a recently approved parade of bikini-clad women.

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Sweet sound of a bebop swansong



An American jazzman in Paris: Dexter Gordon in 'Round Midnight'

Perhaps it is not surprising that a Frenchman should make one of the best tributes to American jazz. In the bebop Fifties - the era in which 'Round Midnight' is set - many great American jazz players went to Paris, delighted and amazed to find themselves revered as artists, rather than being taken for granted as ethnic showbiz, which is what tended to happen at home.

Loosely but elegantly structured, moodily shot by Bruno de Keyser, and with well integrated supporting performances, this swan-song story is inevitably dominated by the central figure of Dexter Gordon. Tavernier chose a musician rather than an actor for the role because he recalled his disappointment with Robert De Niro's patently unmusical performance in Scorsese's 'New York, New York'.

Even when he is not actually playing his virtuoso sax, Gordon is still every inch the musician: we believe his comments, sometimes wry, sometimes poetic-prattish, on his art, as well as his weary declaration (actually a quotation from Bud Powell), 'I am tired of everything, except music'.

The character is seemingly not much different from the real-life Gordon and Tavernier encouraged him to improvise his come scenes, with an American counterpart - a brass local promoter, scored by the director Martio Scorsese.

feature, Les Princes, which won the 1983 European Film Prize, is one of the cinema's most convincing impressions of the character and lives of urban gypsies. Nara, the feckless, unappealing hero, lives with his ancient mother and daughter in a squat on the terrains vagues of a French city. Their lives are inconsequential and violent, coloured by the permanent contradiction between the traditional tribal dominance of the men and the toughness and superior wisdom of the women of the group.

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'Round Midnight (15) Lumiere, Gate Notting Hill, Screen-on-the-Hill

Crossover Dreams (uncertified) ICA Cinema

Les Princes (15) Phoenix East Finchley

dialogue wherever possible. He is tall and lean and majestic, despite legs that appear somewhat beyond his control.

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By gathering virtually the whole gamut of traditional black music styles into one smart pop package, the group which formed in Manchester in 1985 have come up with a product as popular as sliced bread, and of about the same anodyne texture when compared to the wholesome source of their inspiration.

In performance, their strongest card was Mick Hucknall's distinctive white soul voice, and it was clear from the lack of interaction between the band members and the way that the stage was lit that he was the star of the show, despite the long tuft of hair which made him look like Bobby Charlton caught in a high wind.

But although he sang forcefully, and with particular grace during Talking Heads' 'Heaven', there was a lack of emotional resonance in most of the material. Similarly, the band failed to gain adequate purchase or impose its own personality on the over-abundant range of styles, which included the jazz-swinging 'Sad Old Jazz', the heavy funk of 'No Direction', the gospel touches in 'The Right Thing', the soul-slashed disco sound of 'Red Box' and the sluggish reggae of 'Picture Book'.

The look of unceasing relief on the bassist Tony Bowers's face after the band had successfully negotiated a long free-time break near the end of 'Heaven' illustrated a lack of experience which was emphasized by their aspirations to musical sophistication, and it may be a little early to judge them too harshly. If nothing else, 'Hold Back The Years' made them the first band in my experience to induce couples to wait romantically in the Odeon's aisles.

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Jacks of all musical trades. emotional resonance in most of the material. Similarly, the band failed to gain adequate purchase or impose its own personality on the over-abundant range of styles, which included the jazz-swinging 'Sad Old Jazz', the heavy funk of 'No Direction', the gospel touches in 'The Right Thing', the soul-slashed disco sound of 'Red Box' and the sluggish reggae of 'Picture Book'. The look of unceasing relief on the bassist Tony Bowers's face after the band had successfully negotiated a long free-time break near the end of 'Heaven' illustrated a lack of experience which was emphasized by their aspirations to musical sophistication, and it may be a little early to judge them too harshly. If nothing else, 'Hold Back The Years' made them the first band in my experience to induce couples to wait romantically in the Odeon's aisles. David Sinclair

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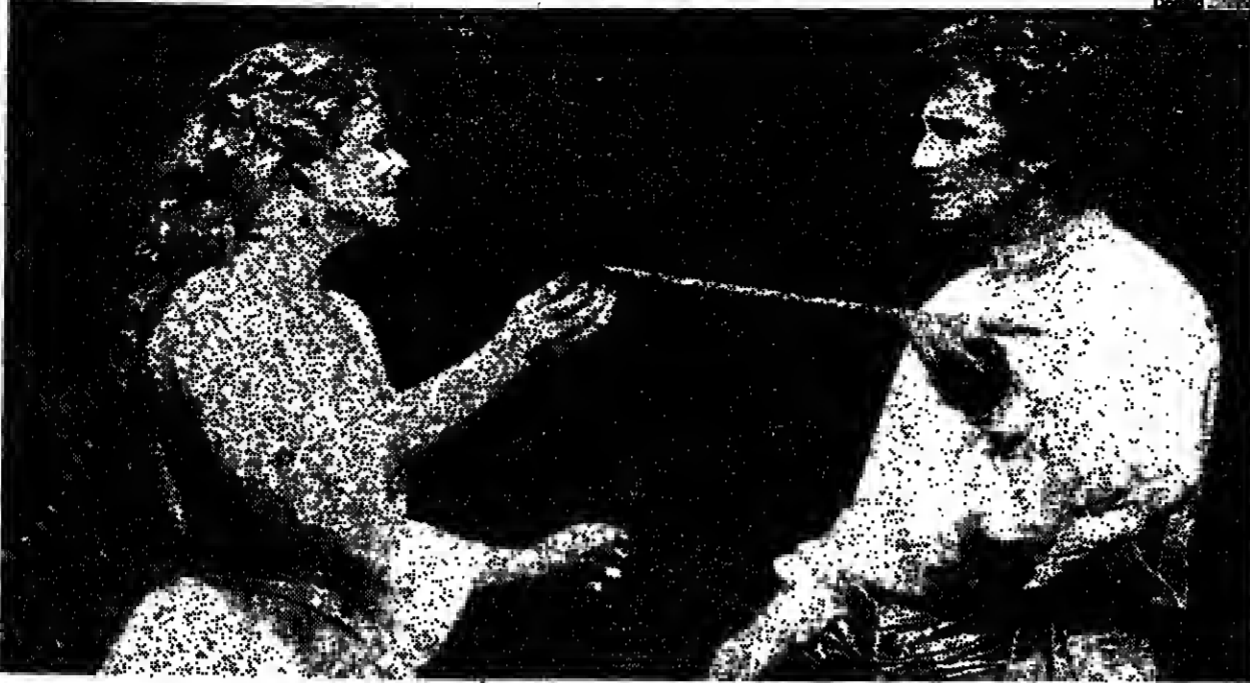
One of television's most insidious effects is to create expectations that a successful person in one field should be a great and interesting performer on screen.

"There's more to life than a game of cricket," he began, shaking his laboratory locks. Once out of the dressing room, his role model appeared to be that man of mellifluous graces, Sylvester Stallone.

Botham's Penelope, who spins away in Yorkshire during his annual tea month's absence, is a sweet girl called Kath. They met in the car park of Leicester cricket ground.

One of the boys is very much how Botham emerged; a likeable, restless, loose-tongued character who after a jar has occasionally indulged in marijuana and let slip a few home truths about the gin-stinking "endurance" in charge of our national game.

Nicholas Shakespeare



Paragon of a pair: Karita Mattila and Siegfried Jerusalem at Covent Garden

Unenchanted evening

OPERA

Die Zauberflöte Covent Garden

Will Tamino's flute ever bring magic to Covent Garden? The answer is probably not, while August Everding's hammed house pop-up production is still with us.

Wilfred Judd, staging the production this time round, does what he can to activate its confused extravaganzas of purely visual ideas - even to the extent of falling back on an arm-in-arm, one-step-forward, one-step-back routine when uncertain quite what to do next.

waiting for the Messiah.

Peter Schneider from Vienna is the chosen man this time, and he is making his London debut here. For 20 years he has been working his way through the German and Austrian opera houses, and has spent time - perhaps, under the circumstances, rather too much time - with Wagner at Bayreuth.

The pity of it is that Covent Garden has at last assembled an entirely tempting cast. When Tamino and Pamina walk off into the sunrise, we know we have both seen and heard a near-paragon of a pair.

about as much as one could wish for: the performance itself has a little further to go in pursuit of perfection.

Given the clipped numbness of the orchestral accompaniment, it may be asking too much to expect truly lyrical phrasing: the top of the voice does take the strain and his wailing is as yet brusque.

It is worth waiting all evening, though, for Pamina's cry of "Tamina mein!". So sure is Karita Mattila's understanding of the musical character of her role, so refreshingly full of rich,

creamy colour is her vocal palette, that disbelief - both in her plight, and indeed in what is going on in the pit - is temporarily suspended whenever she appears.

Her mother has a harder time of it. The Queen of the Night marks a nervous, lustreless Royal Opera debut for Sally Wolf, and Peter Haage's debut as Monostatos is likewise only adequate.

Jonathan Summers returns as an irresistibly spirited Papageno, and Jan-Hendrik Rootering as a young, likeable Sarastro, in a world in which that is just about all he can be expected to be.

Hilary Finch

RECITAL

Mikhail Pletnev Wigmore Hall

As a pianist in the old romantic mould, Mikhail Pletnev is of a kind to arouse partisan feelings according to one's own ideas of style and interpretation.

With only one of the overlapping the familiar orchestral suite - the Sugarplum Fairy even more crystallized than usual in keyboard tone - these benefited from the essentially decorative approach the pianist brought to them, and could well have been extended into more of the neglected music from the ballet's first act.

As noted on this page after his unscheduled appearance on the South Bank last Monday, Pletnev has an imposing technique which also enriched the Salieri Variations by Beethoven and could well make them more popular.

Noël Goodwin

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Tonal truths

CONCERT

RLPO/Hickox Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but I cannot think that the man who at the end of the world premiere of Robert Simpson's Variations on a Theme of Carl Nielsen loudly accused the work of being pretentious rubbish got it right.

The influences upon it are the inevitable ones. There is much of Nielsen himself in the total design, the conflicting assertions of different tonal centres, and in its constantly elusive, ever-changing moods.

THEATRE

Selling The Sizzle Hampstead

The setting of Peter Gibbs' play is the showroom of a novelty goods warehouse, and it arouses feelings of awe for the designer, Sue Plummer, who has managed to amass this glittering heap of junk.

However, to the proprietor, it is anything but junk. For 30 years Desmond has made a good living by selling light-up yo-yos and barometers set in the bellies of wooden bassett hounds, well aware that he is marketing dreams. He operates on the same principle as Miller's Willie Loman.

It is through her that Desmond acquires a new salesman. A shy young metallurgist who comes in out of the rain and stays on to be initiated into the trade.

Sexual passion is beyond the play's comic range, and it becomes rather clumsy in spite of Caroline Bliss's cool performance. On its main territory the play supplies material for two glorious high-farce performances from Dinsdale Landen and David Threlfall.

Threlfall's Malcolm matches his Leslie Titmouse in his unscrupulous ascent to the top of the greasy pole. Mr Landen, alternately at death's door and emerging buoyantly in white tails and top hat to boost sales morale, puts his personal stamp on Desmond as a wreck who will outlive everyone in sight.

Together, they present a remarkable father and son routine, with the initially vengeful Desmond settling back into awed amazement at his protégé's prowess; and Malcolm, in increasingly resplendent suits, employing his newly-won sales techniques on his benefactor.

In the end it is Threlfall who goes berserk, pushing comedy to the very brink, and Landen who phlegmatically picks up the pieces and arranges the next week's sales schedule.

ANN BEACH, as his wife, completes the crack casing of Robert Chtewyn's production.

Irving Wardle

WHAT THIS MAN DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE SICILIAN 1859 BOMBA HEAD COULD BE WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF ONE.

The man in question is David Boyd, who runs the postage stamp department at Phillips.

The head in question belongs to King Ferdinand II, who used to run Sicily.

Ferdinand was not one of Europe's more shy and retiring monarchs.

His idea of a good time was to hound his subjects with shellfire whenever the fancy took him, hence his nickname of "Bomba."

In 1859 he arranged a competition to select a decorous design for Sicily's first set of stamps.

The entry of one Tommaso Aloysio Juvaro was deemed the winner, possibly because he chose to depict the king's head in noble profile.

However, a courtier pointed out to Ferdinand that splendid though the new stamps looked when mint, it would be little short of treasonous to ink over the royal image with a cancellation mark.

Ferdinand agreed, and Ferdinand II but with much delight by David Boyd. The reason being that the 1859 Sicilian issue is one of the very few stamps that is worth nure, not less, when defaced.

The story of the Bomba Heads is typical of the depth of knowledge filed away in the heads of David Boyd and his colleagues.

There are more than one hundred-and-twenty Phillips specialists. They are all leading authorities in every aspect of art and antiques from paintings to porcelain, sapphires to sid-boards.

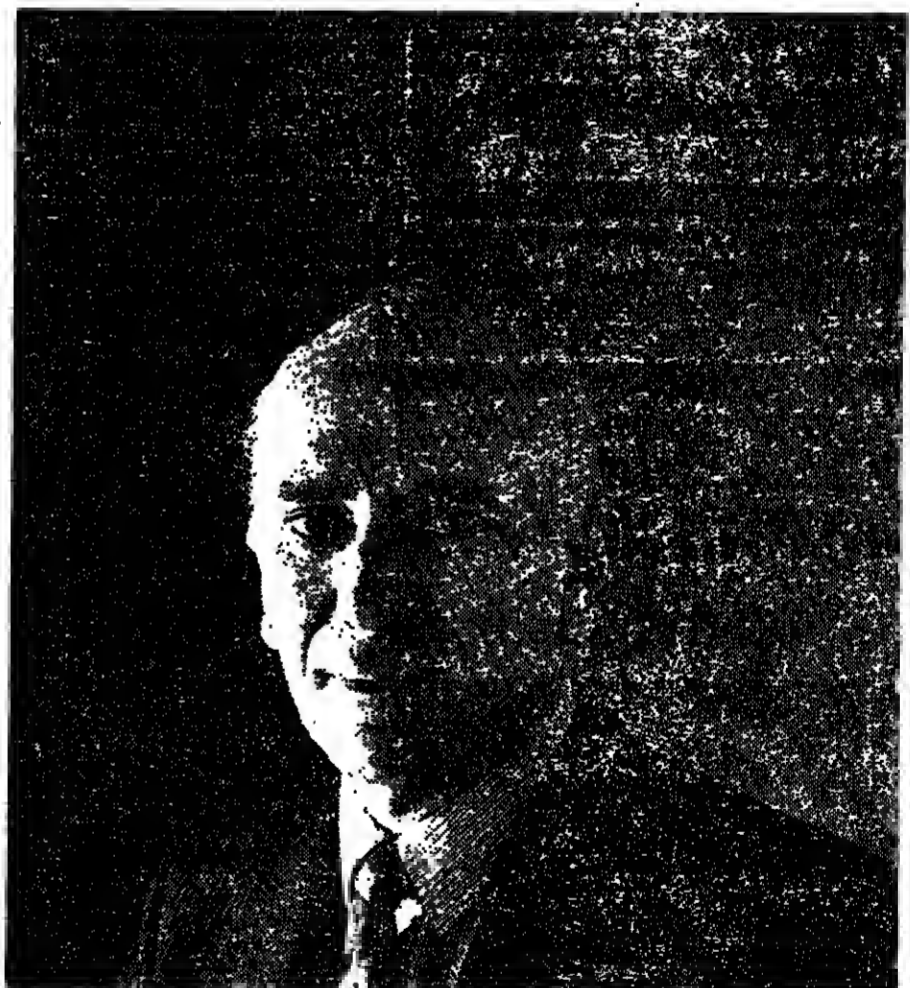
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Can wheat fields be turned into woods?



Part 5: A fallow future for Europe?

Everyone now agrees that the Common Agricultural Policy is a sick animal...

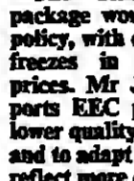
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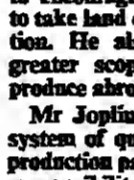
THE POLITICIANS



For the Conservatives, Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, has been advocating a package of measures to reduce surpluses...



Ray Jenkins, former SDP leader and the only Briton to have headed the bureaucracy of the European Commission...

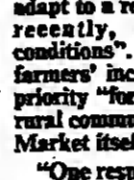


John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, says that the Commission's book value for the stocks is £8.5 billion...

THE FARMERS



Sir Richard Butler, who runs a farm in Essex, is also head of Copa, the organization which represents European farmers...



Frans Andriessen is perhaps the most important figure pressing for reform. 'We should have adapted the CAP the moment we reached self-sufficiency'...

THE COMMISSIONER

As EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, Frans Andriessen is perhaps the most important figure pressing for reform...

We are producing too much wheat at the wrong price, Professor Colin Spedding agrees...

Radical words, compared with those of other experts on the Common Agricultural Policy, expected by some to overshoot its budget by some £2 billion next year...

But then there is the possibility of major disease in crops. It is all very well saying that we can wipe them out with chemicals...

Spedding suggests that the first step towards CAP reform may be a disguised reduction in prices through tinkering with the intervention system...

If land is taken out of production - and Dr Sicco Mansholt, original architect of the CAP, thinks as much as 20 per cent may have to go...

The price of timber, meanwhile, will rise. 'I am interested in what I call agro-forestry enterprises. We might try mixing sheep with trees for example...

Spedding thinks that the problem of hunger in the Third World is irrelevant to that of surpluses in developed countries...

Times reporting team: John Young (Agriculture Correspondent), Richard Owen, Martin Fletcher, George Hill

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FRIDAY PAGE

Angela returns, radiating concern

Here is the news, and this is Angela Rippon making it. The country girl who became the BBC's first woman newsreader spoke to Sally Brompton about her new challenge at Nirex

Angela Rippon's first reaction on being invited to join the board of Nirex, the nuclear waste agency, was "Oh, heck - this is a very hot potato and I don't think I want to get involved."

It was as a result of what she sees as the huge rift of non-comprehension which exists between the nuclear industry and the general public that she finally accepted the job.

The 42-year-old television presenter and former newsreader is one of three independent directors to be appointed to Nirex in an attempt to repair its disastrous public relations record in the world after Chernobyl.



Nuclear alert: Angela Rippon looks forward to spending Christmas boning up on plutonium

Nirex's chairman, John Baker, told his new directors, "I think you've been very brave to join us", Rippon replied: "I think maybe it will turn out that Nirex has been very brave to have taken us on."

She recognises that it is the most important task she has ever tackled. Her career, to date, has been largely non-controversial. She followed the public debate after she was fired from TV AM as one of the programme's original presenters.

They met at a YMCA dance when Rippon was still at school and Dare had just started work as an apprentice electrical fitter at Devonport Dockyard. Now he has his own motor spares business and morally supports his wife in whatever role she is currently involved.

It was an attitude which reinforced Rippon's own gut reaction. She compares the British public's reluctance to take any personal responsibility with their nuclear future.

have a voice when it comes to nuclear waste. We've got to bridge this chasm between the scientists, the politicians, those in the industry and the rest of us.

"If anyone in a position of authority is faced by a whole group of people shouting at them, they are inclined to close their mind and perhaps don't take it on board. All I'm saying is that the reason I took on the appointment was because if it was me and they suddenly decided they were going to put a nuclear dump here in Tavistock I would want a voice on the board to put my point of view. Now I am the vicarious representative for all those people who can't speak for themselves.

"I'm all they've got - but at least they've got me, and it's better to have me and Ray Buckton and Hans Kornberg than no one."

Skin patches catching on

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The application of a plaster, impregnated with a drug which can be slowly absorbed through the skin, is being put to ingenious use in an increasing range of conditions, including post-menopausal symptoms and male hormone shortage.

Irish scientists have been experimenting with nicotine skin patches which it is hoped may replace nicotine chewing gum.

Only drugs which will pass easily through the skin can be used in this way. Even the skin patch is not free of problems and there is some risk to children.

A recurring problem

Glaxo claims that Zantac, an H2 inhibitor used in the treatment of peptic ulceration, is the world's best-selling drug and was an important factor in boosting their profits by 52 per cent last year.

Dr Paul Miller of the Department of Medicine at the University of Manchester suggests, in a leading article in the British Medical Journal, that the relapse rate is lower if other ulcer-healing drugs were used.

Of mice and melons ...

Bad news and good news for vegetarians. The bad news is that watermelon seeds so favoured by wholefood devotees may be dangerous.

He discovered that scientists at the University of Karlsruhe had tried feeding them to sheep with disastrous effects on the kidneys.

Unfortunately it does not seem to prevent the spread of infection as children pass it on before their symptoms are characteristic.

Better late

Parents have re-spectated positively to the campaign to increase whooping cough vaccinations.

Figures quoted in the Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin show that the number of children vaccinated fell from 78 per cent in 1971 to 37 per cent in 1974.

Many parents tell doctors that they would rather not have their child vaccinated, but will rely upon antibiotics to clear the infection if they catch it.

Experiments show that Erythromycin, which is particularly safe, is very active in the laboratory against pertussis and penetrates sputum well even in the human it eradicates the bacteria from the upper respiratory tract within a day or two.

Antibiotics are useful in the treatment of complications of whooping cough when secondary bacterial infection frequently gives rise to pneumonia and ear infections.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

Double the shopping fun

THE TIMES LIBERTY

The chance to spend an evening Christmas shopping without the crowds at Liberty proved irresistible to Times readers. So much so that the stores throughout the country will now open for a second evening on Tuesday, December 9.

Those readers who applied early are being sent tickets for the first night, Tuesday, December 2. The remainder will receive tickets for the following week.

we offered on the first, plus some new activities. A special draw will include a weekend for two in Bavaria from Germa travel specialists DER, with a Liberty weekend case; Cobra and Bellamy jewellery; an oriental carpet; a Liberty hamper of soaps and scents; and a Liberty print handbag.

CHRISTMAS AT HEALS advertisement featuring various perfume bottles and products with prices.

A student wiggle for sweet charity

Britain may have quit Unicef but Oxford students are rallying to raise funds

Stylish young ladies, more at home in Oxford's Bodleian Library than in the Body Shop, hung up their blue stockings and slipped into designer lingerie this week to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Unicef.

"I've wanted to do a fashion show for ages," said Danielle Nay, a second-year French and Latin student at New College and the organizer of the Oxford Union Fashion Show.

The debating chamber is a cold, draughty room. From the outside it looks like the top half of St Paul's. It is hardly an ideal setting for a fashion show - more used to cat-calls than a cat-walk.



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THE TIMES DIARY

Tory race to Reece?

Central Office remains in disarray over the search for a director of communications to mastermind the Tories' election campaign.

Blue period

Middle age has certainly brought respectability for journalist Richard Walsh, who worked for Oz, the underground magazine of which three editors were jailed in 1971.

Roughriding

Britons' signal lack of courtesy is plainly worse than Ian Gregory, secretary of the recently formed Polite Society, initially feared.

It's the sand

After a year's negotiations, Britain has made it as a package holiday destination for Saudi Arabians.

All forgotten

Oxford's Ruskin College has got a nerve. Having censured lecturer David Selbourne, who was boycotted by students over an article that appeared in The Times.

BARRY FANTONI



'My client's evidence, M'nd, will be arriving at 9.57, 10.32 and 11.58'

Goodwill...

Union Scrooges in Wandsworth town hall have tried to scupper a Christmas party for admin tylists. They were looking forward to holding it at the National and Local Government Officers Association social club.

Hot and cold

A reader confesses confusion at receiving, by the same post, two missives from British Gas. 'According to our records you are not registered under the scheme and, therefore, are not eligible' reads the first.

Since the early 1970s, western governments have used trade talks, cultural exchanges and arms negotiations to press the Soviet government to make concessions on human rights.

Two hard questions arise: how far should human rights issues determine the negotiations with the Soviet Union and to what extent will western pressure change Soviet behaviour towards its people?

This approach appears to make arms control and every other feature of our relations with the Soviet Union a hostage to progress on human rights.

Yet when the US Congress passed the Jackson-Vanik and Stevenson amendments in 1974 linking economic concessions to Soviet liberalization of Jewish emigration, the Kremlin reduced Jewish emigration from a flood to a trickle.

There are fierce arguments, of course, particularly between Ronald Reagan and the Parliament speaker, and Ayatollah Montazeri, Khomeini's successor, whose initial ignorance of the negotiations with the Americans has annoyed him more than the arms deal itself.

In the past it has been the West which divided the people of the East against one another, which set Iranians against themselves.

Most of the Arab leaders had known for months that US weapons were being shipped to Iran with Israeli help. In short, they thought that President Reagan often told lies.

In a few days the Independent Broadcasting Authority is to award a franchise to one of the five consortia that have applied to launch Britain's direct broadcasting satellite (DBS).

From its orbital parking space 22,300 miles up, DBS, its enthusiasts hope, will launch Britain into the media space age.

Critics of the current broadcasting system love the idea. At one stroke, they imagine, the tight grip of Britain's television duopoly will be broken, and new viewing choices will become available to the public.

Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov today meets Mrs Thatcher to plead for greater pressure over human rights.

Don't lean on Moscow - it just won't work

emigration was among the casualties of detente's collapse. A second broad strand of emigrant and dissident opinion accepts that failure to make progress on human rights ought not to stand in the way of other bilateral interests.

Such views gain in authority when expressed by men of courage such as Yuri Orlov (this page, November 26) but questions remain about the exact dimensions of the changes in Soviet society that can reasonably be expected from human rights leverage.

As long as the Soviet Union can get the technical and scientific information it needs by way of its secret services, it is under little pressure to enter into free and open intellectual exchange with the West.

The West has a right to ask the Soviet leadership to live up to its pledges about legality. The West has a humanitarian duty to speak up on behalf of those who wish to emigrate.

To demand that the Soviet Union grant its citizens what the West means by freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of political organization is to ask the Communist Party to preside over its own dissolution.

Soviet history gives scant comfort to those who believe that intellectual freedom is a necessary condition for economic and social progress.

Robert Fisk on the consequences of Reagan's arms deal with Iran

Arabian faith betrayed

The newscaster on Tehran Radio was being careful yesterday. In the main midday bulletin he dutifully referred to American 'allegations' that millions of dollars paid by Iran for US arms had been channelled to the Contras in Nicaragua.



Khomeini: low profile



Rafsanjani: scornful



Mubarak: 'surprised'



Hussein: 'an insult'

object-confined their fury to a few words from their foreign minister, while the Kuwaitis, in whose capital the guns of the Gulf War can be clearly heard, expressed only their concern that America had damaged its credibility as a superpower.

The point, of course, is that most Arab leaders had long ago grown used to President Reagan's obfuscations, confusion and wishful thinking.

dish. On this estimation hangs BSB's hope to attract advertising and subscription revenue to cover the £200 million needed to get the system into place.

war against 'international terrorism' and thus rewarded its progenitors with guns. Most of the Arab leaders had known for months that US weapons were being shipped to Iran with Israeli help.

There are technical uncertainties too. Development of the high-technology transmitting devices required for the satellites have been beset with problems. So have the rockets needed to launch the satellites.

The association of things western with things good, of things anti-American with things bad, has long been a theme of American policy in the Middle East.

There are technical uncertainties too. Development of the high-technology transmitting devices required for the satellites have been beset with problems.

the devil: or at the least sending him a cake along with a plane-load of arms. It was the Americans who advised the Egyptians to storm their own hijacked airliner at Malta last year.

King Hussein has tried repeatedly to bring the PLO into talks to negotiate with the Israelis over the future of the West Bank.

The parameters of Reagan's world, in which the Afghan mujahideen are 'freedom fighters' and the Palestinian Fedayeen 'terrorists', is a familiar one in the Middle East.

There are technical uncertainties too. Development of the high-technology transmitting devices required for the satellites have been beset with problems.

Reagan: the truth at last exposed

David Watt

The disaster which has engulfed the White House has been coming a long time. It has been inherent in the Reagan presidency from the very beginning in 1981, its nature perfectly obvious to any serious observer.

These facts have been concealed from the American public for a number of reasons - partly Reagan's extraordinary skill and charm as a television performer but, more to the point, public self-deception.

It is also fair to say, in defence of Reagan, that the underlying problem that has produced the present crisis is intractable and systemic.

What has happened now is therefore far more significant than the subject matter of the Iranian row. The point is that the Reagan myth has been shattered.

A.N. Author Shaping up to rejection

Today I want to take as the target of my spleen that much under-maligned figure of the literary world, the publisher's reader.

I apologise for being so dyspeptic about bookfolk this week. The other day on this page I gave my enemy C.R. Hix a terrible going-over for his disgusting elitism.

My virtues down to the time of year, this being the season that A.N. Author and his fellows on the best-seller list of the literary ladder receive 'royalty cheques' for £4.95 - if they are lucky.

Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent







Wanted man flies back to Belfast

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Science report Growing fears for the polluted Kattegatt

By Christopher Mossey
The Kattegatt, the main stretch of water between Sweden and Denmark, is dying. It is rapidly becoming unable to support fish life because it is so polluted and starved of oxygen.

Let your care for animals live on by remembering the PSDA in your will

Write for details to: People's Society for the Protection of Domestic Animals (PSDA)

THE MIND CAN TAKE ONLY SO MUCH

Major G. van der Vliet in Bonn, Germany, has spent 10 years in a psychiatric hospital.

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Appointments
Latest appointments include: Mr D.G. Vaisey, Bodley's Librarian, to be a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Slimbridge church appeal
A £30,000 appeal to pay for urgent repairs to Slimbridge parish church in Gloucestershire - often called the cathedral of the Severn Valley - whose spire is a landmark near Sir Peter Scott's Wild Fowl Trust.

Polytechnic news
City of London Lord Denning and Mr Clive Schmitthoff have been awarded honorary doctorates of law of the Council for National Academic Awards.

University news
Bradford Professor Gerry Radell, head of psychology at the university's management centre, has been appointed professor of organizational behaviour.

Cooks' Company
The following have been installed as officers of the Cooks' Company for the coming year: Mr Andrew Murdoch, second master, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Warde, Mr R.S. Anderson.

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New Bill to hit criminals and assist victims

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Sweeping powers to stop most criminals profiting from crime and to give extra help to their victims were unveiled last night by the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd...

The Criminal Justice Bill, the most substantial and potentially controversial legislation facing the Commons this session, would complete a "massive programme of reform" involving the police and the courts, Mr Hurd said.

He said the reforms would be under threat if a Labour government was elected. It would throw everything into the melting pot by politicizing the police, stripping the police of the necessary powers we have given them...

bottom of their list of priorities. The main purpose of the Bill was to strengthen the powers of the courts in relation to large-scale crime and improve the treatment of victims, he said.

"It is an affront to justice that a criminal should, having served his sentence, be able to live comfortably on the fruits of his crimes," Mr Hurd said. New powers would be available to courts where profits involved were more than £10,000.

"Extended periods of imprisonment, up to 10 years on top of the original sentence, will be available in cases of default."

FBI called after arms documents shredded

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known of the Contra funding for some time, while 44 per cent suspected he had been aware of the operation.

The poll also found that four out of five believed there were others involved besides Colonel North. Two-thirds said Mr Reagan had mis-handled the Iran situation, and his overall approval rating dropped from 67 per cent in September to 53 per cent.

As Mr Reagan arrived for a brief holiday at his mountain-top ranch, an aide predicted

that the "hysteria" would soon subside. He rejected any comparison with Watergate and said the investigation by Mr Meese would uncover any wrongdoing.

He said that as soon as Mr Reagan became aware of the facts, he summoned Mr Meese and told him: "I want you to get on it and do it quick."

Mr Meese has been resisting calls from Congress to appoint a special prosecutor, but many Senators and members of the House of Representatives now think that such a step is inevitable.

US Salt 2 breach angers Kremlin

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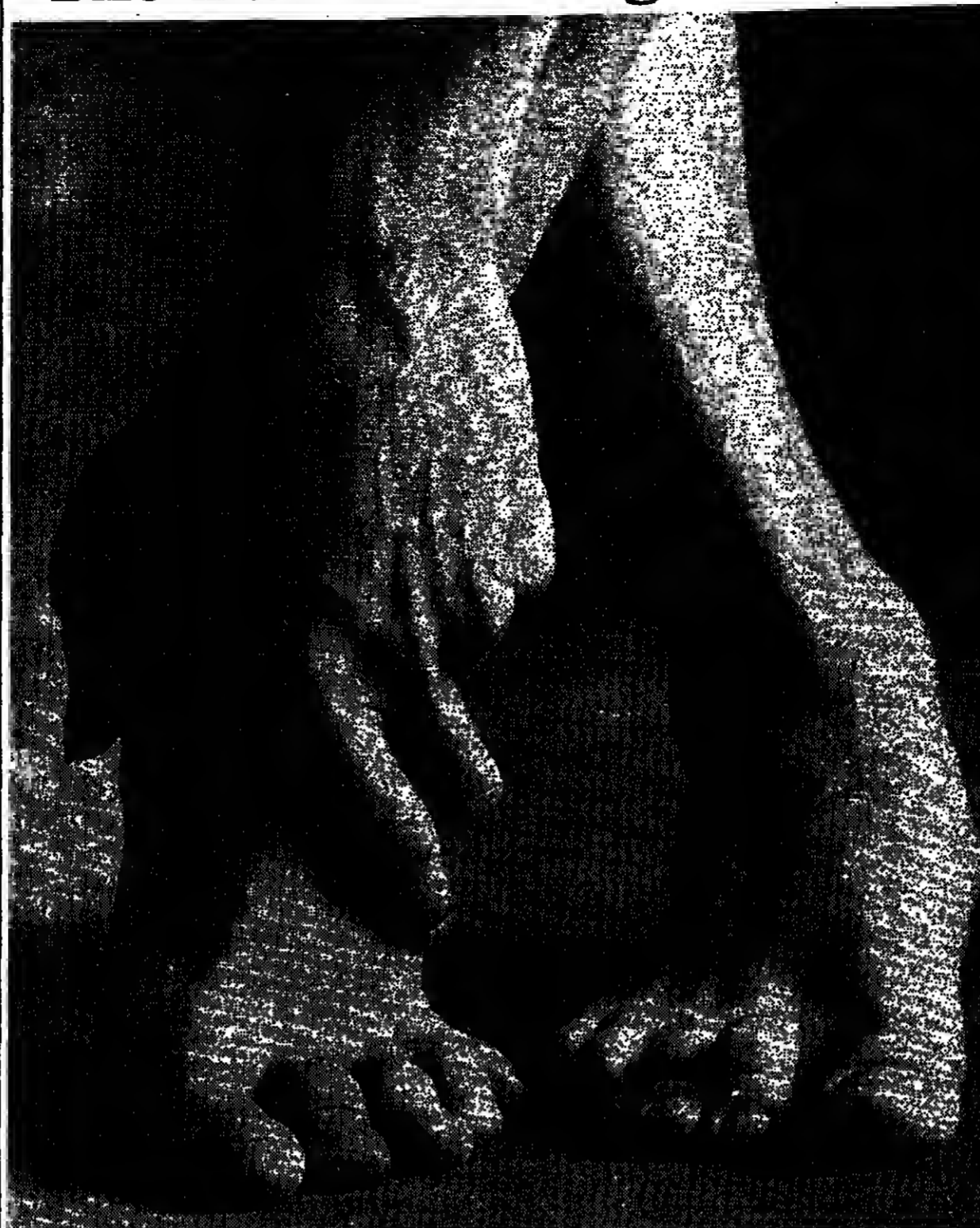
spokesman refused to go into any detail. "I believe that our defence ministry is currently thinking about that in practical terms," he replied.

The talks on nuclear and space weapons are due to resume in Geneva next week at a special session slotted into the long Christmas break in an effort to speed up negotiations in the wake of the collapse of the Reykjavik summit.

European observer said last night. Soviet anger at President Reagan's decision to breach the Salt-2 limits - a move which has already caused considerable concern among his main European allies

was also reflected in a sharply-worded commentary issued last night by Tass, the official Soviet news agency. "The Reagan Administration's renunciation of the Salt-2 treaty proves that Washington is seeking to remove all remaining barriers in the way of a nuclear arms race," the agency declared.

The man with the golden feet



Working for a living: Steve Cram's feet, photographed by Snowdon. Below, the feet in action, pounding the track.

The feet of Steve Cram, the world 1,500 metres champion, are not easily recognizable, although they are famous enough to have been photographed by Snowdon (John Goodbody writes).

Mrs Moira Wood, the acting deputy principal of the London Foot Hospital, was not expected to know the identity of the owner. But she could tell immediately that they belonged to someone physically active. "Is it a dancer? Is it

Wayne Sleep?" Why dancing? "Well, it is quite an artistic pose. The feet look as if they work for a living and seem sensitive." You are quite right there, but how do you know?

"There is well developed musculature and the growth of hair indicates that the circulation is good." Anything else? "There is some minor trauma on the big toe on the left foot. It could have been caused by jarring or kicking a ball."

Large Norwegian herrings, mackerel and sprats are amongst the best buys. Supplies of sprats, at around 60p a lb fresh and £1.40 smoked, are rarely affected by bad weather, because they are caught close to shore. Scallops are down in price this week at around 50p each and may be even cheaper by the weekend.

Some of the meat and poultry on promotion at shops and supermarkets this week are: Dewlands New Zealand leg of lamb £1.09 a lb, 4 lb packs of pork chops £4.80 a pack and 4 lb packs of braising steak £5.60 a pack; Asda: home produced rump steak £1.99, rlb of beef £1.59 and fresh chickens, up to 3lb, 1.40z, 59p a lb; Tesco: braising steak £1.54 a lb, pork spare ribs joints on the bone 89p a lb.

Today's events

Royal engagements: The Duke of Edinburgh visits the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre, RAF Brampton, 10. The Prince of Wales, Chairman, the Prince of Wales's Committee, presents awards certificates at the 1986 Award Ceremony for the committee, Colwyn Bay, 10.15. The Duke of York, President, the Royal Aero Club, accompanied by the Duchess of York, presents the Dawn to Dusk Awards, Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, W1, 6.30.

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Corps of Signals, attends part of the corps committee meeting, the Regimental Headquarters, 56 Regency St, 11.45; and later, as Chancellor, London University, visits Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, Reynolds Buildings, St Dunston's Rd, 2.30; he then visits the Institute of Dental Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Rd, WC1, 15.

Washington: The deployment of the 131st B-52 bomber equipped with cruise missiles, which had been strongly opposed by western Europe, provoked sharp attacks in Congress, which recently passed a non-binding resolution formally asked Mr Reagan to remain within the limits (Michael Binyon writes).

Top Films

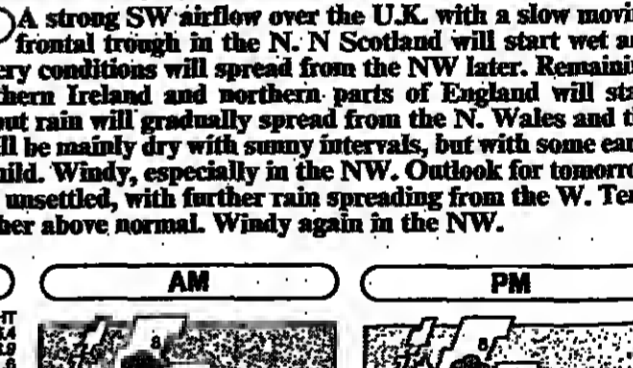
The top box-office films in London: 1 (2) The Mission 2 (1) Fright Night 3 (1) Ruthless People 4 (5) Big Trouble in Little China 5 (4) Mona Lisa 6 (8) Running Scared 7 (9) True Stories 8 (9) A Room With a View 9 (9) Extremities 10 (-) Psycho III

Food prices

Fresh fish supplies are better this week and prices have eased slightly, particularly in the Midlands and East Anglia. At Billingsgate there are ample deliveries of white fish, oily fish and farmed salmon. Finest Scarborough cod fillets should be around £2.20 lb. Icelandic haddock is good value at the same price with Aberdeen haddock £2.30 lb.

WEATHER

A strong SW airflow over the U.K. with a slow moving frontal trough in the N-N Scotland will start wet and windy but clearer, showery conditions will spread from the NW later. Remaining parts of Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern parts of England will start mainly dry and bright, but rain will gradually spread from the N. Wales and the remainder of England will be mainly dry with sunny intervals, but with some early fog patches. Generally mild. Windy, especially in the NW. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Continuing unsettled, with further rain spreading from the W. Temperatures near to, or rather above normal. Windy again in the NW.



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,215

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Punny son, often washed out (5); 4 confusion, lops head of everlasting flower (8); 10 Urchin learning to beg (7); 11 Fish farming in bays (7); 12 Rollers bringing fish to the table (10); 13 Sir Andrew's sort of impudence gives one a fit (4); 15 Sound pitch, but on one spot it's getting thinner (7); 17 Field force unit concealed in E Dorset (7); 19 He interprets outdated notes about contract (7); 21 Feared movement to the left of central government (7); 23 Guide pointing to the light (4); 24 Cricket side delicately tapping the ball - how disconcerting! (3-7); 27 Stop, change to amber, then green (7); 28 University man accepts married Italian (7); 29 Put too much value on speed of deliveries (8); 30 Blackbird used to chase hares (6).

Top video rentals

1 (1) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 2 (4) Fright Night 3 (2) Teen Wolf 4 (5) Spies Like Us 5 (5) The Delta Force 6 (1) Death Wish 3 7 (10) The Howling 2 8 (-) Santa Clause - The Movie 9 (10) The Sword in the Stone 10 (1) Psycho III

Roads

Wales and West: M4: Contrailow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon/Chippenham). M5: Two lanes closed northbound between junctions 20 and 19 (Clevedon/Portsmouth). A55: Contrailow between junctions 1 and 2 near Rotherham and between junctions 6 (Thorne) and 7 (M62). M66: Contrailow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston/M55). Scotland: M8: Traffic restrictions on eastbound carriageway between junctions 27 and 30 (Paisley/Erskine Bridge). M9: Two contrailows on the Edinburgh to Perth road at Halbeath and Cairney Bridge. Edinburgh: Bonington Rd closed at Breadoane St with diversions. Information supplied by AA.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Banking Bill, second reading.

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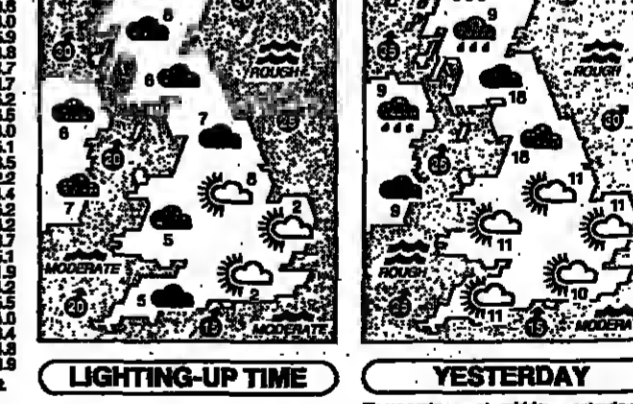
Table with columns for Bank, Bid, Ask, and other financial data for various currencies and markets.

Anniversaries

Births: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Florence, 1632; William Blake, London, 1757; Friedrich Engels, Barmen, Germany, 1820; Dentist: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Rome, 1680; Washington Irving, writer, Tarrytown, New York, 1859; Richard Wright, novelist, Paris, 1907; Havergal Brian, composer, Shoreham, Sussex, 1917; Sinn Féin was founded in Dublin, 1905.

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AROUND BRITAIN

Table showing weather conditions across various British locations like Scarborough, Brighton, London, etc.

ABROAD

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations including Alicante, Almeria, Algiers, etc.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1286.0 (-0.3) FT-SE 100 1632.5 (-0.5) Bargains 28696 (25721) USM (Datastream) 129.19 (-0.57) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4295 (-0.0020) W German mark 2.8433 (-0.0061) Trade-weighted 68.1 (-0.1)

Battle for AE heads for a close finish The bitter struggle for control of AE looked like drawing to a nail-biting climax last night after Turner & Newall took its stake to almost 40 per cent.

No referrals The proposed acquisitions by Waterford Glass of Wedgwood, BPC of Providence Grounds and BPC of the Webb Co. will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Fuelling the share deals In tomorrow's Family Money, how the banks are using the British Gas bonanza to spruce up their share dealing services; the investment potential of classic cars and the merits of putting money into enterprise zone property.

Profit jumps Operating profit at International Leisure group jumped to £21.5 million in the six months to September, compared with £8.5 million last year before profits on aircraft sales.

BPB up 50% BPB Industries, the only British manufacturer of plasterboard, yesterday announced pretax profits for the six months to the end of September 1986 up 50 per cent to £69.3 million.

Early birds Twelve firms have registered with the Stock Exchange as market-makers in the shares of British Gas. The deadline by which firms must register in time for the first dealings in British Gas is December 5.

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Exchange curbs electronic chaos Rogue prices to be muzzled

By Richard Lander The Stock Exchange, faced with a second consecutive day of "rogue" closing prices on its SEAQ electronic market system, plans to restrict the size of price changes that market-makers can put on their screens.

Ford dealer faces £10m NZ bid A New Zealand businessman, Mr Colin Giltrap, has launched a hostile £10 million bid for Frank G Gates, the Ford main dealer.

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Khoo resigns from Standard

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puan, the Singapore businessman whose family has run into trouble over dealings with the National Bank of Brunei, has resigned as a director of Standard Chartered Bank.

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Hanson to buy Kaiser Cement

By John Bell, City Editor Sir Gordon White, who runs the US arm of Hanson Trust, is spending a little loose change. His Hanson Industries is making an agreed \$200 million (£142.8m) purchase of Kaiser Cement, the fifth largest cement producer in the US and the biggest in California.



David Scholey: hard to match last year's excellent results

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

MEPC shares advance 7.5p after further bid speculation

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

MEPC, Britain's second biggest property group, was again the centre of intense bid speculation yesterday after a late flurry of activity after hours.

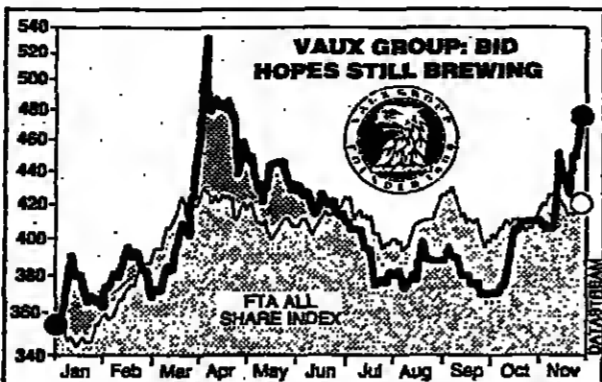
The shares advanced 7.5p to 246.5p amid whispers that a mystery predator had managed to complete the arrangements for the financing of a bid of 400p a share with various City banks.

MEPC has attracted bid speculation in the past with its name being linked to both Trafalgar House and rival Land Securities. Dealers were being careful not to list the names of any likely suitors yesterday and a spokesman for the company said: "We can't comment on any rumours."

Last year MEPC hit the takeover trail itself with the purchase of English Property Corp, but just recently has run into trouble with the City of London planners over the proposed redevelopment of its Lee House site in London Wall.

The rest of the equity market spent another quiet session with most investors' spare cash tied up in the £5.6 billion British Gas flotation. Turnover was again down to a trickle after brokers managed to complete the computerized buying and selling program initiated by the Post Office Pension Fund on Wednesday.

Investors also had to contend with continuing confusion over price changes in the Stock Exchange's Price Display System. At least two market-makers have fed rogue prices into the computers on several occasions this week resulting in incorrect price movements.



Glaxo 10p to 91.2p after a line of 657,000 shares went through the market at 91.0p. Cable & Wireless 4p to 32.6p and Hawker Siddeley 3p to 43.8p.

Four stocks made their stock market debut yesterday, with Geest, the banana importer going to a 29p premium over the 125p offer price, and Gleetree, the USM London estate agency, more than doubling its 16p placing price to close at 40p.

Virginia, the record group, was still trading below its 140p striking price, at 136p and partly-paid British Gas shares slipped back to 59p on the unofficial grey market.

Vaux Group, the independent brewer which has been shrouded in take-over speculation for the past couple of weeks, climbed a further 1.5p to 488p, but still has some way to go before reaching its peak for the year of 540p.

As well as its brewing activities, Vaux owns the 33-strong chain of Swallow hotels, predominantly in the North-east, but with one hotel in London.

A B Foods shares were unchanged at 330p. Most other brewers had a negative day. Allied Lyons slipped 6p to 307p, Devenish 6p to 203p and Guinness 5p to 326p.

Results from BPR, the plaster board group, duly impressed the market and lifted the company's shares 25p to 548p, just 2p below its high for the year.

Analysts had been looking for profits of £55 million at the half-year stage, but the company surpassed all forecasts by revealing an increase of more than 50 per cent to £69 million.

English China Clay, the construction and industrial materials manufacturer, which publishes its £132 million offer document for Bryant Holdings today, firmed 2p to 319p.

Another construction group, CH Beazer, firmed 5p to 194p, ahead of its annual meeting today. The chairman, Mr Brian Beazer, is expected to make confident noises about current trading and about Gifford Hill, the Dallas-based cement company it bought for £190 million a couple of months ago.

Pearson, the prestigious Lazard merchant bank to Financial Times and Chateau Latour conglomerate, returned to the bid limelight, jumping 21p to 594p on talk that Mr Li Kashing, who heads up the Hong Kong trading group Hutchison Whampoa, has been buying a few more shares over the past couple of days, to add to the near 5 per cent stake he already owns.

Chairman Lord Blakenham says he has not yet been notified of any such increase and says: "I know of no reason for the increase in the share price."

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The Mercury drops to a disturbing level

Cassandras of the Big Bang are gloating. First results from Mercury International Group since the merger of its main component parts last April are unlikely to spread happiness among those with a financial interest in the City's deregulated securities markets.

The problem, admitted chief executive, David Scholey, was poor trading in difficult markets. He puts this down to the confusion and disruption of the period before October 27 when the players' eyes were distracted from the ball.

The serious question is if Mercury faced these problems before Big Bang how well will it cope with even greater confusion in the post Big Bang world?

Moves at the Noble House

The relationship of Jardine Matheson with Hong Kong has been as emotionally close over the years as might be expected of any group which has had such a formative influence on an entire, thriving economy.

This made them distinctly unpopular, for instance, when they transferred domicile abroad at the depth of local depression before the Anglo-Chinese agreement made the departing Crown colony a much-favoured destination for international investment.

Given that all-important proviso, it still remains to be seen how far the present talisman Simon Keswick will have tied himself up in the process and thereby restricted his room for manoeuvre in a fast-changing Hong Kong corporate scene.

Table with columns for 1986 and 1985 stock prices, including High, Low, Company, Price, Offer, Change, Volume, and P/E ratios.

Storm over Electra fund management

By Lawrence Lever

A bitter dispute has broken out at Electra Investment Trust over the management of one of its venture capital funds.

A confidential memorandum passed to The Times over the weekend is heavily critical of Electra for its "incompetence" in its handling of investments made in two unquoted companies.

The memorandum, written by Mr Brian Johnson, a consultant called in by Electra to manage two companies in its Electra Risk Capital I fund (Eric I) and dated November 12, 1985, was sent to Mr Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra, Mr Michael Bentley, deputy chairman, and Mr Clive Clague, an Electra main board director.

Eric I raised £8.6 million in 1981, investing it in 32 companies. The value of the fund had plunged as 21 of the companies have either gone into receivership or been sold for a nominal amount.

Oxford team wins £25,000 prize for super magnets

Britain's highest award for innovative engineering and technology, the £25,000-McRobert Award, was presented in London yesterday, by the Duke of Edinburgh to three men from the Oxford Instruments Group.

The winners were: Mr John Woodgate, executive director. Mr Bill Proctor, a physicist and engineering director, and Mr Ian McDougall, a metallurgist, who joined the group in 1979, to help Mr Proctor build the first magnet for whole-body scanning.

The three men head teams developing superconducting magnets. The magnets are used mainly for nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and magnetic resonance imaging.

Lead and zinc prices 'to slow'

By Richard Lander

The sharp advances seen in zinc and lead prices on the London Metal Exchange (LME) this year are unlikely to be repeated in 1987, according to Shearson Lehman Brothers, the metal trading firm.

Both metals have been driven higher this year by supply disruptions, such as the one at the Broken Hill mines in Australia, where an industrial dispute halted production of lead and zinc for almost two months and forced the closure of the Port Pirie smelter.

Looking at lead, Shearson analyst, Mr Stephen Briggs, predicts that a revival of mine production in 1987 will lead to a reduction in stocks of just 10,000 tonnes, compared with an estimated 95,000 tonne shortfall in 1986.

However Western consumption, of which nearly 60 per cent comes from car batteries, should continue to grow slowly over the next two years.

For zinc, Mr Briggs is forecasting a small market surplus in 1987 after a 160,000 tonne deficit this year, with a rise in non-communist demand partially offset by a continued decline in exports to China.

There is little reason to expect much overall price strength for next year as a whole (unless there is significant rationalization of capacity or further unpredictable disruption), the report said.

Shearson estimates that cash prices should average £535 a tonne next year. Prices stand around this level at present, having fallen back from a year's peak of £632 in early October.

Company wins China deals

Black Clawson International, the Newport, Gwent, paper machinery manufacturer, has signed three contracts worth £3 million with China.

The contracts, signed in Peking by the company's managing director, Mr Eric Langdon, brings to six the number of contracts the company has signed with China.

The deals involve supplying production equipment for turning bamboo into packaging grade material.

The Bowring Bowl. Which way on December 9?

Advertisement for The Varsity Match between Oxford and Cambridge at Twickenham, December 9 at 2.00pm. Includes logo and text about sponsorship by Bowring.

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BRITISH FUNDS

High Low Company Bid Offer Change Day's P/E

Table listing various British funds with their prices and performance metrics.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing funds with a 5-15 year track record, including names and prices.

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing funds with over 15 years of track record, including names and prices.

UNDATED

Table listing undated funds with their names and prices.

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Table listing index-linked funds with their names and prices.

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Table listing bank discount rates for various banks.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end December 5. Contango day December 8. Settlement day December 15. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price.

Main stock exchange price table with columns: High, Low, Company, Bid, Offer, Change, Day's, P/E. Includes sub-sections for Breweries, Buildings and Roads, Finance and Land, Foods, Chemicals, Plastics, Cinemas and TV, Drapery and Stores, Hotels and Caterers, Industrials A-D, Newspapers and Publishers, Oil, and Electricals.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for company name, price, change, and P/E ratio. Includes sections for 'UNLISTED SECURITIES' and 'INVESTMENT TRUSTS'.

Table titled 'UNLISTED SECURITIES' listing various companies and their financial metrics.

Table titled 'INVESTMENT TRUSTS' listing various investment trusts and their performance data.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Defence for small firms

This week's Ministry of Defence initiative to give small firms a better chance of defence contracts should be taken up by other key government departments...

Training pep

Training seminars for owner-managers of small businesses are being introduced from next April as a Private Enterprise Programme (PEP) by the Manpower Services Commission...

Burton backs £1.7m design workshop

A £1.7 million project for a purpose-built centre for design and marketing businesses in the north-east is in the advanced stage of planning.

Marketing studies have revealed at least 25 potential clients in the north of England and Project North East, which is managing both ventures, says interest has been shown by a number of small companies.

The aim is not only to provide a design base but to employ marketing experts to sell ideas. There will even be full-time ideas men.

Half the money needed to create the centre and run it for the first two years will come from the public sector.

is providing the factory and the services of Bob Walsley, one of their executives, to act as full-time project director.

New the hunt is on for the rest of the funding from private sources. Project North East emphasizes that help in kind, such as equipment, is as desirable as cash.

The hope is to reverse the trend that sees many of North East's good designers - a lot of them products of the region's three polytechnics and numerous colleges of further education - drifting south or abroad.

Long term, Project North East believes the teams which will occupy units of between 300 and 1,000 sq ft will link up in joint projects requiring separate skills to produce a total design package for a project range.

Contact: Project North East, Mansell Chambers, 45 Great Market, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1UG; (091-261 7856).

Making money out of toys is not child's play

The company was in a rut and by 1980 sales had levelled off after years of growth; its products were losing out to cheap imports from Taiwan.

This month, 30-year-old Mr Askaroff won the first Young Accountant of the Year award for his work in taking Simplantex through its second growth phase to a turnover in 1985 of £1.3 million and a 600 per cent increase in profits over five years.

The eastbourne-based company, which has a workforce of 31, was started in 1956 by Mr Askaroff's parents and when he joined as finance director he set about restructuring the company to allow expansion.

The 2,000 product lines were computerized to cut down on paperwork and improve sales analysis; stock control policy was introduced; clearly-defined departmental responsibilities were organized; and proper management meetings started.

Mr Askaroff's mother is to retire from the business soon and will sell her 59 per cent stake to her three sons. Mr Askaroff is likely to be rewarded with the title of managing director.



Success slogan: "Turnover is vanity, profit is sanity," says Nikolai Askaroff shops and most of the chain stores, except Mothercare and Boots.

A small part of the business - around 5 per cent of turnover - is in wheelchair accessories for the disabled, including waterproof capes.

In the five years to 1985, sales output per employee rose from £27,000 to more than £41,000, and the increase in operating expenses was kept well below the sales improvements.

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BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

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It's the confidential Factor. Would you like to turn your invoices into cash without anyone knowing? Now you can.

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MR FRIDAY advertisement with cartoon illustration and text: "I'm here to claim back the first part of the £57 billion owed to small businesses in this country!"

Plant Hire Division South Midlands advertisement: Our client has instructed us to offer its plant hire division for sale as a going concern.

Matching Corporate Needs advertisement: The Corporate Division of Capital Consultants offer a range of services which include Company acquisition, merger and disposal...

London World Trade Centre advertisement: OFFICE SUITE 270 - 8,600 sq. ft. Available on flexible lease terms.

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BRITISH MANUFACTURERS advertisement: We can sell your product in Japan. No business is too large or small.

NURSING HOME NORTH WALES advertisement: Registered 40 people. Substantial building in 4 acres.

U.S. EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT & PARTS advertisement: Divers US equipment. Send your requirements.

SMALL private property advertisement: Small private property and industrial units for sale.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE advertisement: for your company to have its own personalised calendars & diaries.

PRIME SPOT advertisement: Finbury Park, London W1. Close to all transport, double shop.

SCOTTISH BORDERS advertisement: Expanding retail & manufacturing business. Large shop, warehouse, 2 acres woodland.

OWNER RETIRED advertisement: low rental high street kitchen studio with offices and flats above.

COFFEE HOUSE/RESTAURANT advertisement: In centre of Bradford-on-Avon near Bath. 50 cover area.

RESIDENTIAL SITE advertisement: Beachfront on Sea, Sussex. Substantial corner site.

TIBBING SPECIALIST advertisement: Tibbing Specialist. Substantial corner site. Offers in excess of £750,000.

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MICHELMORE advertisement: TOTTENHAM SOUTH DEVON. Licensed open alcohol for new wine bar.

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PRIVATE INVESTOR/PARTNER advertisement: Small building company NHBC registered seeks private investor/partner for residential rehabilitation projects.

AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY advertisement: In the heart of London's busy shopping district. Leading national retailers are seeking a new retail outlet.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO RENT advertisement: From 140 sq ft in Business Centres With all facilities. 01 802 7181

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

GTA gives Renault a racier image

Renault's involvement in Formula One grand prix racing has not changed the average British motorist's view of their cars. They are still seen as run-of-the-mill family transport. The answer, of course, is that until recently the marque lacked an eye-catching, high performance road model like Porsche and Lotus to link the company's road and track images.



Renault GTA V6 Turbo: attracts attention everywhere

The pity is that with the exciting new Renault GTA V6 Turbo now making its appearance here, the French group has withdrawn from Formula One. The GTA attracts attention everywhere with its aggressively styled, low slung body, flared wheel arches and big fat tyres all promising power and speed.

It is in fact the fastest production Renault to date with a top speed of 155 mph and a 0 to 62 mph time of seven seconds. A drag coefficient of only 0.28 together with a very small frontal area enables Renault to claim the lowest air resistance of any production car in the world. Slickness through the air is a major factor in its remarkably frugal fuel consumption. I returned 28 mpg on a 280-mile motorway trip including entering and leaving congested central London.

The GTA is assembled by Renault's Alpine subsidiary at Dieppe and bears some resemblance to the 1.5-year-old Alpine A310 it replaces. That car was cramped and rather irritating to drive. The GTA still retains the semi-reclined driving position but has much more elbow room. The front seats give excellent all-round support and controls fall readily to hand.

A car of this type is essentially a high speed cruiser designed to burn-up motorway miles for hour after hour. It does that job well with two small reservations. At high speed, there is a slight vagueness about straight line steering and like all rear-engine cars, it is susceptible to side winds. An unusual windscreen wiper layout with the two blades almost clashing in the centre of the screen was apparently developed for maximum efficiency at high speed. Together with my passenger, I found it a constant distraction.

Spanish sales drive gains momentum. The fastest growing imported car business in Britain is SEAT, the Spanish group which is now 51 per cent owned by Volkswagen. SEAT began selling here just a year ago and already holds 3 per cent of the market with an estimated 6,200 sales this year. Douglas Clare, managing director of SEAT Concessionaires UK, plans to increase that to over 10,000 next year. His model range has just been extended to include five-door versions of the Ibiza hatchback with a choice of 1.2 or 1.5 litre Porsche-designed engine. Prices start at £4,746—the same price bracket as the Ford Fiesta. But SEAT is aiming higher—at the market-leading Ford Escort.

Early Ibiza were plagued by carburation problems, but modifications seem to have solved the problem. I drove both versions of the new five-door model for nearly 300 miles this week and found them considerably improved. garage where they had been stored for several years. I've had the same dream for more years than I care to recall. One is offered complete but in need of some restoration work. It is said to be worth only part assembled and sold with a number of parts which appear to include most of the missing components. The joy of acquiring a neglected thing of beauty is the long months, even years, of immensely satisfying restoration work ahead. But it could cost you £50,000 just to start.



Hispano-Suiza Tourer: expected to fetch £150,000

high-pitched super-charged whine of Ettore Bugatti's creations is the nostalgic music of my own childhood.

Original Grand Prix Bugattis rarely come on the open market and when they do, are extremely expensive, carefully documented and beautifully restored. These two, in fact, belonged to the late Charles Moore, a well known Bugatti enthusiast and restorer, but they are by no means in pristine condition. Sotheyy's say their experts had to hack away trees and undergrowth to get into the

But the car I would love to own is either of the two 1925/26 Type 35 Grand Prix super-charged Bugattis. As the beautifully-produced catalogue says: "Few cars in history have developed around them the mystique of the marque Bugatti." The ear-shattering exhaust note and

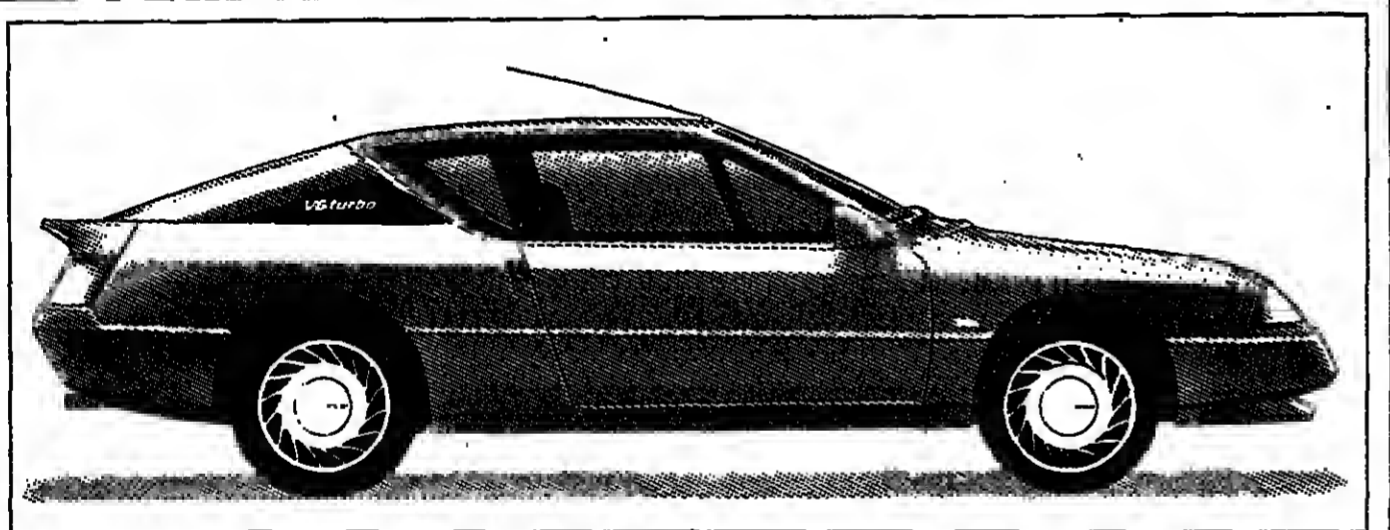
Classical collection comes to the market

Sotheyy's has assembled an impressive collection of early and classic cars, bicycles and general automobiles for sale at the Honourable Artillery Company, City Road, London on Monday. The star of the show for most people will be the rare 1931/34 Hispano-Suiza J.12 9/16 litre, two-seater tourer which is expected to fetch a cool £150,000. It has been on display at the Midland Motor Museum and is believed to be the only representative of the model surviving in Britain.

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More than three months have passed since Johnny Dumfries was told that there would be no place for him in the JPS Lotus team in 1987 and it may well be a further month or two before he knows whether or not he has a Formula One drive next season.

Cruising through pit-lane memories

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today: John Blunsden on the best of the motor-sport books.

Chairman's unmagnificent seven

John Preen, the newly elected chairman of the English Table Tennis Association, said that he planned to dismiss the selection committee. After watching England thrash Italy 6-1 in a European League match at Tonbridge, Preen, the father of Carl Preen, said: "We do we need seven people to choose a team? I think Don Parker, the England captain, is now experienced enough to be able to choose the team without the help of six other people."

Objectively justified material difference defeats equal pay claim

Rayner v Greater Glasgow Health Board. Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord MacKay of Clackmannan and Lord Goff of Chieveley. [Speeches November 27].



Something special: The Earl of Dumfries in his seat of power

ICE SKATING Title winners give cause for hope

The British championships at Solihull this week encouraged the hope that Britain will produce a stronger team for the European and world championships later in the season than one might have feared.

TABLE TENNIS

Desmond Douglas led England to a convincing victory over Italy in the 62-year-old world championship in Birmingham last weekend against the wishes of many members of the table tennis establishment.

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A giant-killer who plans to take stadium by storm

Wembley Stadium, having rested elegantly on her laurels for 65 years, has joined the high-pressure commercial world of bygone and hard sell to support a £10 million improvement scheme.

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SWIMMING

First cap follows Fibbens's trial win

Mike Fibbens, of Beckenham, who provided a bit of surprise by breaking the British short-course record for 100 metres butterfly at last weekend's Leicester trials, will win his first full international colour for Britain in the European Cup tournament at Malmo, Sweden on December 13 and 14.

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# England plan to give Australia more of same in second Test

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

After yesterday morning's practice England announced that they would be playing the same team in the second Test match starting here today as won them the first Test in Brisbane. "Leave well alone" was the thinking, and with Embury back in action only the wicket-keeping place prompted a change.

No one, the curator included, has any certainty of how the pitch will last. In appearance it is quite unlike the old ones that started black and shiny or the more recent green-tops. It is pale in colour, with a fairly even covering of dry grass. The aim has been to produce a good first day batting pitch. The forecast is for fine weather, and a fine day in Perth takes a lot of beating.

In the last two Test matches that England have played here the cricket has been marred by controversy and confrontation. In 1982-83 Alderman, the Australian bowler, had to be carried off the field on a stretcher after dislocating his right shoulder when tackling one of a group of well-lubricated spectators, carrying Union Jacks, who had come over the fence when England's first innings total passed 400.

## The laughing cavalier

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (Reuters) - A cavalier 92 by the opener, Krishna Srikanth, swept India to an easy seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the opening match of the four-nation Champions Trophy one-day competition yesterday. India, the World Cup holders, cruised past Sri Lanka's 214 with 33 of their 45 overs remaining.

holders, paid dearly for fielding lapses, with Srikanth being put down twice in the same over from a newcomer, Graeme Labrooy, when in the 40s. He made the most of the reprieve, plundering two sixes and 10 fours before he was bowled eight runs short of his century going for another big hit.

## Bugner's challenge to Bruno

Sydney (AFP) - The former world heavyweight champion Sam Reeson, who has challenged Frank Bruno to a contest in London early next year as a stepping-stone to a world title bout, the local promoter, Bill Morley, said yesterday.

## Reeson to continue despite tragedy

Sam Reeson, the former British cruiserweight champion, from Barcelona, is to keep his date with British Ali, of his date with Bruno, despite suffering from shock at the death of his manager, Tony Lavelle, to a car crash on Tuesday. Lavelle was on his way to a show in Manchester with two boxes when his car skidded and overturned.

Reeson joined Warren on the condition that the manager's percentage would go to Lavelle for the next three years. Reeson has a European title bout soon and if he beats Ali, he could take over Ali's No. 10 position in the World Boxing Council rankings and be boxing for the world title before long.

## NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

# Workington ground closed

Workington, who were just beginning to overcome the severe financial problems which have plagued them since they were voted out of the Football League nine years ago, have been forced to close their ground for safety reasons. County officials decided at an inspection of Borough Park that the floodlight pylons erected in 1957, may not be safe in high winds.

against the decision by the Football Association of Wales to veto their application to join the Multipart League. Newtown are one of 20 clubs hoping to form a new division of the Multipart League next season. The others are Ayrton, Stanley, Ashton, Ufoid, Consett, Town, Curzon Ashton, Dryden, Eastwood, Fleetwood, Iram Town, Lancaster City, Leek, Netherfield, Northwich, Salsbury, Celtic and Winstanley (all North West Counties League), and Alfreton Town, Belper Town, Eastwood Town, Harrogate Town and Sutton Town (all Northern Counties East League).

Colin Doorbar, the Workington secretary, said yesterday the ground closure is a setback because we thought we were at last getting to grips with our financial problems, which date back many years. We've cut our teaching deficit by 50 per cent over the last 12 months. "But I'm confident we can get over this. If we were going to fold we would have done so 12 months ago, when we were in desperate financial trouble. It would also be a disaster if we went under, because there isn't another decent football stadium for miles around."

The Football Association have given their approval for the formation of the new first division, which will be linked by a system of automatic promotion and relegation to the current premier division. The Northern Counties East League and Northern Counties West League, who had been seeking automatic promotion for their clubs into the present Multipart League system, will now be offered the chance to have their clubs promoted into the first division.

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Beauty and the beast: Kinvara Cayzer and her Land Rover, in which she aims to cross the Sahara Desert

## MOTOR RALLYING

# Kinvara's quest for adventure in desert

By a Correspondent On New Year's Day, Kinvara Cayzer is going to get into a car and head off south into the sun. It will not be an ordinary car but the trip, from the heart of Paris to Dakar, on the coast of Senegal in West Africa, is no ordinary trip. And Kinvara Cayzer is to be the first British woman to make it.

Setting off for the rally, the Kinvara sports team was launched at the exclusive picturesque Hurlingham Club in Putney. A more contrasting setting to the matter in hand would be hard to find.

The vehicle in which the attempt is to be made, a handsome looking Land Rover, was purchased in West Africa. It is a 1984 model, a combination of desert know how and a dash of pure British sporting achievement and endeavour. Quite where the type of car that fits into this scenario remains to be seen.

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## MODERN PENTATHLON

# Drug tests do not go far enough

By Michael Coleman Two members of Britain's gold medal-winning team at the Montreal Olympic Games expressed the opinion yesterday that the recent crackdown on drugs in the sport, which has led to the suspension of 15 competitors, including the world champion, though welcome, was not severe enough.

## SQUASH RACKETS

# Vintage performance keeps crowd riveted to their seats

By Colin McQuillan A couple of good shot encounters or a long, grueling battle will usually satisfy even the most ardent devotees at a single sitting. At the Inter-City national championships in Bristol this week things were happening so fast in the main men's event and so efficiently among the women there was scarcely time for a quick British Rail sandwich between sessions.

## ATHLETICS

# Marathon runner in drugs ban

New York (Reuters) - Antoni Niemczak, of Poland, who finished second in the New York marathon earlier this month, was disqualified yesterday after failing a drug test.

## GOLF

# Course record falls to in-form Marsh

Ibusuki - Graham Marsh, of Australia, set a course record of 64, eight under par, yesterday to take a three-stroke lead after the opening round of the \$531,250 (about £371,000) Casio world open tournament. Marsh rolled in a 13th birdie putt on the first hole and followed it with eight more on the 6,985-yard par-72 Ibusuki course in southern Japan.

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Solly to run in Hiroshima

Joe Solly, the Commonwealth Games 100 metres champion, is in Britain's five-strong men's team who will take on the inaugural IAAF world challenge road relay in Hiroshima on Sunday. Solly will run the 7km leg after Carl Trueman, who will start the relay.

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Gridiron challenge

Randall Trueman, commissioner of Australia's American football league and a former Rugby League player, stopped off in London yesterday to announce a 12-match, five-week tour of Europe next year.

## SCHOOLS RUGBY

# Christ's whistle home in the gale

By Michael Stevenson On Wednesday Christ's entertained Millfield and gained a 7-7 draw. The powerful Christ's pack were challenged by lively Millfield backs. Christ led 7-3 at half-time through a try by their flanker, Joe Copley, and a penalty by Lloyd-Jones to a penalty by Mike Bennett but a late try by Bennett earned Millfield the draw.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

# Roberts lodges appeal

By Keith Macklin Howell, after only nine senior games with the club. The Australian High Schools touring party begin their seven-match programme tonight when they meet Wigan at Whitehaven. The party, known as the Young Kangaroos, are seeking to emulate their seniors by winning all their matches in the tour. Cumhria at Whitehaven. The party, known as the Young Kangaroos, are seeking to emulate their seniors by winning all their matches in the tour. Cumhria at Whitehaven.

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